

Cal Ripken Minor Baseball Rules

- Pitchers may not pitch more than two innings per game.
- Teams must bat their entire roster.
- Each team will have four outfielders.
- There is free substitution but each child must play at least 2 innings in the field.
- Players may return to any position on the field except for the pitcher who may not return to the mound under any circumstance.
- Regulation games are six innings and limited to 1 hour and 45 minutes. No new inning can begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If tied after 6 innings or at 1 hour 30 minutes California rules will be played:
 - Visiting team will start with last out from previous inning on 2nd base with 1 out and finish top half of the inning; Home team will start with last out from previous inning on 2nd base with 1 out and finish bottom half of the inning. If game is still tied repeat above process until game is decided, there are no ties.
- Run Rules: 15 runs after four innings and a 10 run rule after 5 innings.
- If a team only has 9 players any time during the game there is NOT an automatic out applied. If a team gets down to 8 players or starts a game with 8 players 1 automatic out will be charged where coach deems in batting order.
- On a walk, batter must only take first base.
- Base runners may not steal home, unless played upon or an over throw back to the pitcher.
- Runners on third may **not** score from third when a runner at first steals second.
- Runners may not lead off bases until a pitched ball has crossed home plate. Team will get 1 warning then an automatic out will be issued.
- No coaches or assistant coaches will be allowed behind the backstop during their games.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- Runners must slide on all bases when played upon. It will be up to the umpire's discretion to call the runner out. Unless going back to base.
- No head first slides, runners will be called out. Unless going back to base.
- If the batter squares up to bunt as the pitcher begins his delivery, and the pitcher stops before he releases the pitch, this will constitute a dead ball and the pitcher will be charged a ball.
- Batters may not throw the bat. First time will be a warning. Second time will result in an out and the child removed from the game.
- No fake bunting. (square, then swing away).
- We play by Babe Ruth rules except for the in house rules listed above.
- The umpires will not tolerate any arguing on the field by the coaches, you will be ejected from the game without any warning.
- Last team named on the schedule is the home team, has the third base dugout and is responsible for raking the diamond and putting away the bases if your game is the last game of the evening. Visiting team will have first base dugout and responsible for putting out bases if needed.

Tournament team eligibility:

- You must play exclusively for Grand Chute Baseball in order to be able to play tournament ball

Policy for the coaches:

- Coaches must choose their assistant coaches from the parents of the children they draft or from parents whose children are already on the team.
- Coaches moving to the next level or quitting can not choose the next coach. They must apply to the board for the position. All head coaching positions are filled by the board.

Drafting:

- Coaches must take their brother option in the third round. Second brother option in the fourth round and so on until all brother options are fulfilled.
- Coaches must take their sponsor option in the third round.
- Managers may freeze their child until the fifth round.
- New team/coaches may elect to use first round pick in selecting as assistant coaches child. If first round pick is used there must be a 2 year commitment unless player leaves the league.
- Expansion team will receive up to “mean” team average in league of second year players entering the draft selected in random order.
- Those players who do not try out will get drawn from a hat in continuous draft order.
- After roster is full (league determined) ALL kids who do not get drafted will be put in to the hat and drawn in continuous draft order.
- We will draft through the 4th round. Then the team/teams with the fewest kids will draft in continuous order until all teams have equal team members.

BAT RESTRICTIONS:**Cal Ripken Division**

The bat specifications are the same as Official Rule 1.10, except it shall not be more than 33” in length, nor have a bat barrel in excess of 2 1/4”. Metal bats fitting this description are acceptable. There is no length to weight ratio.