

Rookie Division
(ages 7 to 8, 60' base distance)

- Unless stated below, all normal Cal Ripken Baseball rules apply.
- No new inning shall start after 90 minutes or 6 innings.
- This division does not have umpires. The at-bat teams base coaches are responsible to make the calls. There is no-arguing allowed. If you have a difference of opinion, the MANAGERS can discuss, like adults, quietly and away from players and parents.
- 4 pitches per batter, or 3 strikes, whichever occurs first. 3rd strike foul rule applies, the at-bat continues.
- Teams are required to bat the entire line-up, which allows free defensive substitutions.
- Must Play rules in effect. Teams required to rotate subs evenly. Teams are required to rotate players defensive positions during the game. One player cannot play the same position for more than 2 innings per game. All players must play 1 inning in the infield per game.
- Pitching machine power settings: start at 7, move to 8 after 4 weeks, move to 9 after 4 more weeks.
- Anyone who has not registered, background checked and Safe Sports Act courses completed through the league are NOT allowed on the field or in the dugouts.
- One base on an overthrow. The base is not automatic and player can be thrown out.
- The play is immediately declared “dead” if it touches the pitching machine or the pitching coach. The batter is awarded first base and runners can advance one base only.
- Each team is allowed 1 bunt attempt per inning. It is considered a bunt attempt if the batter either (1) successfully puts the ball in play while bunting or (2) ends his at-bat (strikeout, foul with 2 strikes, or last pitch) while attempting to bunt.
- No infield fly rule.
- Closed bases apply, no lead offs or stealing.
- 5 run max per half inning.
- Teams can play 4 outfielders, 4 infielders, 1 pitcher, 1 catcher. Teams cannot play 5 infielders/
- Bats: May use any bat marked with the USA baseball stamp.
- No jewelry allowed, metal cleats not allowed.
- Players must be properly equipped at all times. Cups must be worn. Players must wear helmets with ear flaps at all times while out of the dugout while their team is batting.
- Mercy rule is 15 after 3, 10 after 4.
- During regular season, all games can end in a tie.
- Last recorded out can be substituted to run for the catcher with 2 outs in an inning, no other runner substitutions are allowed.
- Home team supplies baseball for every game, and preps the field for games. Prepping the field includes chalking the batters box and baselines and setting up the pitching machine.
- Away team is responsible for cleaning up the field after the games. Raking around the bases and home plate is a must. Clearing out all trash from the dugouts is required. Make sure the lights are off before you leave please.