

BATESVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
2018 CAL RIPKEN MAJOR DIVISION

LEAGUE RULES

The official rules of Cal Ripken Baseball shall apply except as noted herein. The following text replaces the entire rule, unless a specific paragraph is noted. These exceptions take precedent over any rules that conflict with them.

0.06 - No player shall pitch more than three innings in one game or 6 innings in one calendar week (Mon-Sun). If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one inning pitched. Once removed from the mound, the pitcher may not return to pitch the rest of the game. Any pitcher hitting three players in one game may not return to the mound for the duration of that game.

1.01 - The regular season games and playoffs will be played between two teams of 9 players (three outfielders). A team must field at least eight players to play the game. If a team is unable to field the required minimum, it will be required to forfeit the game **UNLESS** the opposing team agrees, and then the forfeiting team may add players from the **MINOR LEAGUE** to its line-up. The game would then be played with no forfeit. If a coach knows at least one week in advance that he will not be able to field at least eight players for a game, he may request the game be rescheduled to another time.

4.04 - The batting order shall be followed throughout the game. Every player present on the day of game will be in the batting order, and will remain in that spot of the order for the entire game. If a player arrives late, he shall be added to the bottom of the order and hit when his turn next appears. If a player has to leave early because of an injury or illness, his turn shall be skipped with no consequence to his team. An automatic out will be assessed for each turn a player misses for any other reason unless the opposite coach is notified prior to the start of the game.

PLUS:

Game Starting Time –Games will start according to the scheduled times. The **first game will start at 5:30 pm (5:30 is the official start time of game one)** and if scheduled, the **second game will start at 7:00 pm.**

Re-Entry Rule - All players on the team roster may be freely substituted into any of the ten defensive positions at any time in the game. The only exception(s) will be with the pitcher, as laid out in rule 0.06.

Run Rule –A game will be terminated if one team is ahead by **fifteen runs after four innings, or ten runs after five innings**, and both teams have had equal times at bat or the home team is leading. There is no run limit per inning.

Time Limit – The time limit for games is six full innings or **the completion of the inning that they have started at the 75 minute mark. No new inning may start after one hour and fifteen minutes.** Games called because of the time limit will be considered a regulation game regardless of the number of innings played. Any game called due to inclement weather conditions will be replayed if three full innings have not been played. **Note:** No time limit will be in affect for the league tourney games, and they will be played to a full 6 innings, unless run rule applies.

Stealing – Players are allowed to lead off and steal any base for the entire year.

Balks – The first balk per pitcher will be a warning for that pitcher. Any additional balk by the same pitcher will lead to the runners moving up one base.

Bunting - Bunting is allowed throughout the season with no exceptions.

Infield Fly – There is an infield fly rule in effect in this league.

Hit Batter – If a pitch hits the ground and then the batter, the batter **DOES** get to take his base and it is considered a dead ball.

FINAL EXPECTATIONS/UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. Each player must play defense a minimum of two innings per game. No exceptions except for injury.
2. No headfirst slides going into ANY base (diving back to a base is okay). All runners must slide feet first.
3. Runners **must slide to avoid contact** when a play is being made at the base they are advancing to. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
4. Any player warming up a pitcher (even off the field of play) must wear a mask with throat guard.
5. Pitching distance is 50 feet. Bases are 70 feet.
6. A dropped 3rd strike is a live ball and the runner must be tagged or thrown out at first base unless it is occupied w/ less than 2 outs. With less than 2 outs and 1st base occupied, the batter is automatically out on a dropped 3rd strike.

Head Coaches may select 2 official assistant coaches and at least one of these “official” coaches must be present at all games. Head coaches are responsible for the actions of themselves and all assistant coaches who may be assisting during practices and games.

Home team – keeps the official book and is responsible for raking and dragging field after each game and also responsible for putting the bases up if you are the last game of the day.

Visiting team – runs the scoreboard and timer