



Connecticut Cal Ripken Baseball

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8-Year-Old Official Tournament Rules for the CT State Tournament and the New England Regional Tournament

Minimum Roster Size of 12 Players, Maximum of 15 Players

Age Determination: All players must be age level 8-year-old or under according to the Birth Chart in the current year Babe Ruth Leagues Rule **Book and be a rostered player on a local league team.**

- **Pitching:**

- Pitching distance 46 feet
- One pitch in an inning equals one inning.
- A League Age 7-8: No pitcher is allowed to pitch more than six (6) innings in a day or a total of six (6) innings in two successive days. If a pitcher pitches six (6) innings in a day, the pitcher must have one (1) calendar day rest. If a pitcher pitches a total of six (6) innings in two successive days, the pitcher must have one (1) calendar day rest.
- Walks will be called but will be capped at a maximum of 4 per inning, per pitcher. If a pitcher walks four batters in the same inning they must be removed as a pitcher for the remainder of that inning but they can re-enter as a pitcher in later innings.
- A pitcher may return to the mound in a later inning if they are removed from the mound on a first trip to the mound, or in between innings provided that they have not met their pitching limit.
- A pitcher may not return to the mound if they have been removed by a 2nd trip to the mound in same inning or has reached the maximum innings pitched per day/game.
- No intentional walks
- A Hit Batsman is not considered a walk
- A pitching log will be maintained by the Tournament Chairperson or another adult, each manager shall sign the log at the completion of each game.

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- 9-player defensive line up
- Free Defensive substitutions
- Continuous Batting Order, all players present at the start of the game must appear in the batting order.
- A player that arrives after the start of the game will be placed at the end of the lineup.
- If a player leaves the game for any injury, illness, or ejection their position at bat will be skipped (not recorded as an out). If a player leaves for any other reason their position in the order will be considered an out each time they are to appear at the plate.
- Time Limit – No new inning starting after two hours from the time of first pitch of the game.
- Babe Ruth Mercy Rule in effect, 15 runs after 2 ½ innings if the Home team is ahead or both teams have had the same at bats, or 10 runs after 3 ½ innings in the Home team is ahead or both teams have had the same at bats.
- Maximum of 5 Runs per inning for innings 1 through 5. For the 6th inning there is no restriction.
- No Infield Fly Rule
- Bunting allowed but No Slash Bunting.
- Stealing is allowed but is limited to one base per play, a player may not leave the base early (std Cal Ripken Rule)! If runners are on 1st or 2nd base they are allowed to steal one base – if an attempt is made by the catcher to throw a runner out either at 2nd or 3rd runners are not allowed to advance further on an overthrow to either base. If there are runners on 3rd and 1st, only 1st base runner may attempt to steal, the runner on 3rd remains locked down on an attempted throw down to 2nd by catcher.
- On catcher throwback to pitcher, with men on either 1st or 2nd and no one on 3rd, the ball is live and runners may advance at their own risk. If there is a runner on 3rd they are locked down on an overthrow to pitcher from catcher so a runner from 2nd cannot advance.
- No stealing home on passed ball.



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- When a ball hit to the outfield is returned to the infield, and an infielder has possession, runners can no longer advance without peril. If in the umpire's judgement a runner is more than halfway to the next base that runner can continue to the next base at their own peril but if in the umpire's judgement the runner is less than halfway the runner must go back to the nearest base.
- Coaches will be in full uniforms including team affiliation and unique identifying numbers and have the Cal Ripken Division shoulder with the Cal Ripken Division emblem affixed to it.
- Four adult Coaches will be allowed on each team.
- Two Umpires per game. Each team pays one (1) umpire fee (fee to be determined prior to tournament) during the Ground Rule Review at Home Plate prior to the game.
- Connecticut Cal Ripken will supply the baseballs for the state tournament.
- Awards will be given to the Champion and Runner Up teams.