

# Ararat Cal Ripken Baseball League

## Major/Minor Rules

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**NOTE: This policy is intended for Regular Season games only.**

### A. Games:

Please refer to the BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES book for all rules with the exception of the following special rules:

1. Length of Major and Minor games will be 2 hours in accordance with Cal Ripken rules with the understanding that a new inning may not start after 2 hours but may conclude after the 2 hour limit. Coaches need to be aware of the game time so that the 2 hour time limit doesn't catch them by surprise. Prior to the start of the last inning, the head coach of each team and the plate umpire must agree that the inning about to start is the game's last inning (unless, of course, it's the 6th inning).
2. The plate umpire is the official time keeper.
3. Game time starts when the first pitch of the game is thrown.
4. An inning starts when the first pitch of the inning is thrown.
5. Games will begin at 5:30 PM or later (if agreed to by both coaches) on weekdays with the field available 30 minutes prior to the start time for team warm-ups.
6. There will be a 5 run maximum in each inning except for the last inning which the following will apply:
  - i. No run limit for the last inning.
  - ii. If a visiting team is behind by more than 5 runs in the last inning, that team has the ability to score unlimited runs, and not be subjected to the 5 run limit.
  - iii. If there is a difference of more than 5 runs at the bottom of the last inning, the home team is limited to as many runs as it takes to win the game.
7. Valid scorebook keeping must be done for every game. Home team keeps the official scorebook.
8. Winning team is responsible to record final score on the league website.  
**[http://www.leaguelineup.com/ararat\\_cal\\_ripen](http://www.leaguelineup.com/ararat_cal_ripen)**
9. Except for the pitching position, open substitutions are allowed for all positions. Cal Ripken rules are to be followed for pitching substitutions. Refer to the "RE-ENTRY RULE AND EXPLANATION" section and Rule 3.05 of the BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES book for rules related to pitching substitutions.
10. Coaches shall notify visiting team coaches as early as possible when canceling games due to inclement weather.

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11. For games played in wet conditions, the home team should have a good supply of dry balls and towels, and should provide the pitcher with a dry ball as often as necessary.
12. For games called off due to rain or threatening weather, the home team coach is to call the visiting team coach as soon as possible to announce the game's status.
13. For called off games, the home team is responsible for rescheduling the game and contacting a league website administrator.

### B. Players:

Please refer to the BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES book for all rules with the exception of the following special rules:

1. Cal Ripken Major Division:
  - i. All twelve (12) year old players are expected to play in the Cal Ripken Major Division. (See Cal Ripken Minor Division section for exception)
  - ii. Each team shall consist of no less than twelve (12) players or more than fifteen (15) players unless approved by the Board of Directors.
  - iii. Each team shall be composed of not more than eight (8) twelve (12) year old players unless approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Cal Ripken Minor Division:
  - i. Twelve (12) year old players are not allowed on Cal Ripken Minor teams unless approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Appropriate Level of Play:
  - i. Exceptions for any players playing down are to be raised to the Board of Directors by the team coach and/or town representative. This may be raised and answered by email or telephone, meetings are not required.

### C. Pitching Limitations:

Please refer to Section 0.06 "PITCHING LIMITATIONS" of the BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES book for all rules with the exception of the following special rules:

1. A pitcher that is wild should be removed by his coach if the coach feels that the pitcher is putting batters in danger. If a coach does not remove his pitcher that the plate umpire feels is putting batters in danger, the plate umpire may remove the pitcher from his position.

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### D. Fielding, Batting & Running:

Please refer to the BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES book for all rules with the exception of the following special rules:

1. Batting line-ups will consist of all players (everyone bats).
2. Each player is required to play at least 6 outs in the field for all games.
3. For Minors only, a runner may not score from third base on a pitched past ball or wild pitch. (The determination of what is and isn't a past ball or wild pitch rests with the plate umpire.)
4. For Minors only, a runner may only attempt to advance toward home plate on any ball hit into play, forced by a bases loaded walk/hits batsman, or if a catcher's throw back to the pitcher has been misplayed or overthrown.
5. All runners must return to their bases when the catcher is in the catcher's box and the pitcher has the ball and is in contact with the pitching rubber. (For regular season games the cat-mouse game at any base is not encouraged. This slows the speed of play.)

### E. Conduct:

Please refer to the BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES book for all rules with the exception of the following special rules:

1. Spectators, coaches and players are expected to set an exemplary standard of behavior with the best interest of the players in mind. Good sportsmanship conduct will be expected at all times.
2. No coach or spectator will use any tobacco products on or near the playing field during practices or games. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on or near any playing premises.
3. The use of qualified umpires behind the plate is highly recommended.