



2020

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Interleague Cal Ripken Rules



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All Divisions:

- A game will be forfeited 15 minutes after the scheduled game time if a team cannot be fielded (**minimum 9 players Majors/Minimum 8 players for Minors**) and an umpire is present.
- Visiting team will take the field 15 minutes prior to the start of the game for the purposes of warming up.
- The Umpire has final decision regarding continuance of play for any game (once the game has begun) due to inclement weather and/or darkness.
- An adult must be present in the dugout at all times
- There is no on deck circle. The only child permitted to have a bat in their hand is the current batter
- Home team will sit on the first base side of the field (exception-Westminster Home team dugout is the 3rd base dugout)
- Home team provides 3 game balls
- Adults may warm up a pitcher. Please keep warm-up pitches to 5-6 throws between innings. New pitchers may take more throws as necessary
- Spectators are not permitted to sit behind the home plate fence during games at all fields
- Any player on a regular season team may pitch.
(**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)
- **A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to participate in the Minor League-unless the local board deems there are safety concerns for a particular player.**
- When in doubt ask questions. As managers and coaches it is our jobs to know the rules.
- Pitch Count will be enacted at all levels and will follow the Smart Pitch rule

Division	Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest
M/South	50	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	N/A	N/A
M/North	75	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
Majors	85	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+



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Major Baseball Division (Age 12U) Local Rules

National Cal Ripken Rules are to be followed with the following amendments in place:

- For the first two weeks of the season balks are considered a no pitch. Coach or umpire will explain to player what he/she did wrong so they can learn from mistake. After the two weeks the balk rule will be implemented.
- A continuous batting order will be in effect and coaches are free to substitute players.
- Each player must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs within every game. Exception: game is called due to mercy rule or darkness.
- No inning may begin after 2.5 hours from the first pitch. Exception: there is no game scheduled to follow the current game being played.
- Major games are no longer terminated due to one team being up by 10 runs. Once a team is up by 10 runs and the game is official (3 1/2 or 4 innings) the game is granted a win to the team that is up by ten. The teams may continue to play if both coaches agree and the scoreboard will not reflect any new runs scored, they can only record balls, strikes, & outs, or be shut down completely.

Minor Baseball Division North (11U) and South (9U)

National Cal Ripken Rules are to be followed with the following amendments in place:

- A 2.5 hour time limit per game is in effect. No inning may begin 2.5 hrs. after the 1st pitch.
 - A game can be completed if there are no games scheduled to follow
 - Refer to Mercy rule exemption regarding daylight or inclement weather
 - If a game is called due to darkness or inclement weather, it is considered Complete or a Tie:
 - If four innings have been completed with a tie score, or
 - If the home team has scored more runs in 3 ½ innings than the visiting team has scored in four completed half innings, or
 - If the home team scores one or more runs in its half of the fourth inning
- A continuous batting order exists.
- If the Batter is walked he is only allowed to take 1st base.
- Pitchers removed from the mound may return as pitchers, unless removed due to a second visit in one inning.

Base Stealing

- There are no lead offs permitted at this level of baseball.
- A player may not leave a base until the ball crosses home plate



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- Players may attempt to steal home two times per inning.
 - An attempt is defined as a runner on third attempting to steal home on a passed ball or straight steal which results in either a **RUN** or an **OUT**.
 - A straight steal attempt example: when the catcher over throws to the pitcher, or the pitcher is not paying attention to a runner on base prior to being on the pitching rubber/plate
 - After the second attempt, the runner from third base may only score as a result of the batters action (example: hit, walk, HBP)
 - **NOTE TO ADDRESS “DANCING”:** Once a runner stops his forward progress, that runner must return to the base unless there is an error.
- The safety component of this states that the batter must step out of the box and the runner must slide feet first on a home plate steal attempt when there is a play at the plate, if either of these rules are not met, the runner is called out. (if there is no play at the plate, the player does not need to slide meaninglessly)
- A runner when stealing second or third, and an over throw from the catcher or fielder to the second or third baseman, may advance at their own risk in the **Minors North Division only**. This is considered an error not an attempt to steal home.
- A five (5) run mercy rule is in effect for the first five innings in the Minor North Division
- There is no mercy rule in the **FINAL** inning.
 - If due to light, the umpire may meet with the coaches and agree that the last inning started will have the mercy rule waived
Example: the 5th inning starts at 7:40pm and all agree that due to time and daylight, the 5th inning will be the last inning played
The last inning of any game in effect, will have no mercy rule.



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MINOR SOUTH (9U)

- 10 players may be used in the field. If the 10th player is used they must be positioned in the outfield creating a 4th position (left, left center, right center, & right). They cannot be positioned in any part of the infield.
- For steal attempts, no advance on an overthrow is allowed in the Minors South **Division**. (Note: runners advance at their own risk on batted balls)
- A three (3) run mercy rule is in effect for the first five innings in the Minor South Division.
- There is no mercy rule in the **FINAL** inning.
 - If due to light, the umpire may meet with the coaches and agree that the last inning started will have the mercy rule waived
Example: the 5th inning starts at 7:40pm and all agree that due to time and daylight, the 5th inning will be the last inning played
The last inning of any game in effect, will have no mercy rule.
- Players can Pitch from the bottom of mound (40 ft.) until the Memorial Day break, after that all must pitch from the rubber (46 ft.)
 - Exception: After the season starts and before Memorial Day Break if both coaches see that a pitcher is overpowering the batters that particular player **must** throw from the rubber (46 ft.) from the start of the season.