



North Pocono Cal Ripken Baseball

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PLAYING RULES NORTH POCONO CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL

ARTICLE 1- DIVISIONS

SECTION 1. LEAGUE DIVISIONS

The age designations for the League's divisions are guidelines; exceptions may be made based on ability, safety or special needs (including but not limited to physically challenged players).

The League shall be divided into two divisions, using age as a general guideline as follows:

1. **Majors consist primarily of 10- 12 year old players.**
2. **Minors consist primarily of 8- 10 year old players.**

SECTION 2. TEAMS

Sub 1. Team Construction

Both Major & Minor divisions are considered competitive divisions and shall be assembled so as to attempt to equally divide player age and talent. These teams will be assembled by the Player Agent.

Sub 2. Number of Teams

The number of Major teams shall be determined by the Player Agent using the number of registered and eligible 10-12 year old players as a guideline. At the request of any coach or parent, the Player Agent may conduct a special tryout to determine appropriate placement. The Player Agent shall factor in that ALL 11 & 12 year old players will play in the Major division. The number of Major/Minor teams should be determined prior to the Schedule Meeting.

Sub 3. Roster Size

All teams at every level should strive to have no less than 12 players and no more than 15 players.



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Sub 4. Major/Minor Age Mix

All Major teams may have a maximum eight 12 year olds per team. This may be flexible in that the number of registered children may make this unlikely. Ten year old players can play in either division. Requests to play up or down, should be reviewed by the Player Agent and appropriate assignment made. Nine year old players are eligible to play in the Major division if necessary and deemed appropriate by the Player Agent.

ARTICLE 2- COACHES

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The coach's job is the key job in the League. It is the coach's responsibility to train the children in baseball, as well as good sportsmanship. As much as possible, meet the children's individual needs as they work with other children in a team atmosphere.

SECTION 2. NUMBER OF COACHES PER TEAM

Each team must have three primary coaches, recognized and approved by the League. Additional volunteer coaches may participate in practices.

SECTION 3. SELECTION AND RATIFICATION OF COACHES

Each year the appropriate number of coaches for each division will be organized and approved by the Board. All potential coaches must submit to background investigations to include criminal/ child abuse checks. The Board should consider experience, knowledge and positive feedback from peers, as well as ejections, complaints or negative feedback from peers when approving/denying coaches.

SECTION 4. NOT ENOUGH COACHES

If a team does not have enough coaches by the start of the season, these positions should filled at the nearest available time. In the event a slot is not filled, an attempt to select a willing parent should be made. That parent must fulfill background requirements.

SECTION 5. TEAM ASSIGNMENTS



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Selected coaches in a division should continue with the team from the previous season, unless moving up.

SECTION 6. GENERAL

A coach may be asked to step down, without recourse to the Board, if a negative background check comes back. A coach may be reinstated upon clearing up any derogatory errors on the background check and passing a new background check.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITY

Sub 1. Conduct

Coaches will have complete control of activities, conduct and welfare of their players and parents while on the playing field. A coach shall conduct himself/herself in an adult, courteous manner at all times with players, coaches and umpires. This includes no profanity at any time. The coaches are responsible for the children and need to set a good example in conduct and respect to others, especially towards the umpires. The children are the reason for the League and their well-being, training and Cal Ripken experience must be upper most in all our efforts. Safety, fairness, obedience to the rules, good sportsmanship and positive attitudes must be evident at all times. Disciplinary action can and will be taken by the Board in situations when the coaches fail to follow League rules, by-laws and policies up to and including dismissal from that coaching position. It is the coach's job to follow and support all programs adopted by the Board. Any coach or player involved in disciplinary action must be available to meet all requests of the Board.

Sub 2. Rules

Coaches need to read, know and understand Cal Ripken Baseball rules and the rules of baseball.

Sub. 3 Practices

Coaches should have regular weekly practices.

Sub. 4 Field Maintenance

Coaches are responsible for field maintenance both before and after the game. Equipment needs to be secured in the shed and trash collected. Ensure the shed is locked prior to leaving the field.



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Sub. 5 Equipment

Coaches will be responsible for ALL equipment and uniforms issued by the League. All issued items must be returned to the League.

Sub. 6 Umpires

The Treasurer will arrange payment of umpires for League games.

Sub. 7 Posting Scores

The coach is responsible to post the score and any photos on the League's web page. This can be a delegated task to a team parent.

Sub. 8 Safety

It is highly recommended that at least one member of each coaching staff have first aid and CPR training.

ARTICLE 3- REGISTRATION & TRYOUTS

SECTION 1. REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians must submit a registration form for their child to the League, with the proper fee, prior to playing in the League. Hardship cases should be presented to the president & vice president for approval. In these cases, every attempt shall be made to avoid embarrassment to the Parent/Player involved.

SECTION 2. TRY-OUTS

The Player Agent and Vice-President are responsible for overseeing the tryout sessions. Tryouts shall be held prior to selecting the teams for each age group. All ten year old players are eligible to play in the Major Division unless safety concerns deem otherwise.

ARTICLE 4- PLAYER PARTICIPATION

SECTION 1. PLAYING TIME



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Sub 1. PARTICIPATION

All players in both the Major/Minor divisions shall play at a minimum, two defensive innings (six consecutive outs) and bat at least one time. A game where the bottom half of the last inning is not required will count as a defensive inning. If a player arrives late for the start of the game, an attempt should be made to meet the inning requirement, but is no longer required. If a mistake is made, and the playing rule is inadvertently not met, the player will start and play the entire next game. The participation rule is intended to promote fairness with playing time and the coach/manager should attempt to be as fair as possible to every player.

Sub 2. BALANCING ROSTERS

Should any Major division team drop below the minimum number of players, the Player Agent will select a player from the Minor Division to play up. The determination of each player will be made by the Player Agent based upon the skill level of the child.

Sub 3. MINIMUM PLAYERS

In all divisions, the minimum play requirement as determined by Cal Ripken Baseball shall be followed.

Sub 4. NOTIFICATION

If for any reason a parent feels that their child is not playing the required minimum amount, he/she should first attempt to address the problem with the manager. If the problem persists, or the situation dictates, any board member should be notified immediately.

SECTION 2. EJECTIONS

The ejected player will be removed from the game immediately. Any additional ejections regarding behavior misconduct that occur shall be referred to the Board for additional disciplinary action. This action can include suspension from the League for the remainder of the season.

SECTION 3. INJURED PLAYER UNDER PROFESSIONAL CARE

Any injured player under a physician's care must have a medical release submitted to the player's head coach prior to being allowed to return to practice or games. At no



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time may a player participate with a castor other device that has been placed due to injury.

SECTION 4. UNIFORMS

For the sake of uniformity, players must wear the League issued uniforms. Coaches should attempt to wear the team cap at games.

SECTION 5. DISCIPLINE

A player may be benched for persistent improper conduct at practices or games or any other legitimate reason. Coaches must notify the Board in any disciplinary action taken in regards to playing time.

ARTICLE 5- CONDUCT

SECTION 1. PROTESTS

If the need arises for a protest, all coaches must conduct themselves in a professional manner and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Cal Ripken League rules will be followed in regards to the protest.

Sub 1. Ejections

In the event a coach is ejected from a game, they must immediately leave the park. They may not communicate either verbally or non-verbally with the team. The ejected coach will be allowed to attend the next game, but will not coach the team. A subsequent ejection from a game will result in removal as coach. It is the ejected coach's responsibility to report the ejection to any Board member. That coach should attempt to appear at the next scheduled Board meeting to explain the event.

Sub 2. Complaints

All complaints regarding coaches, players, umpires or parents should be submitted to any Board member as soon as practical. If necessary, the notified Board member should request a special Board member to discuss the complaint.

ARTICLE 6-OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES



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SECTION 1. OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES

All games shall be played according to the official baseball rules, sections 1.00 to 10.22 of the Official Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations Book, with any exceptions contained in these rules.

Sub 1. Pitching

Pitching rules will be that of Cal Ripken Baseball and agreed upon rules of the Moosic Mountain League. These guidelines are in place to protect the children from injury and shall be followed at all times.

Sub 2. Sliding

There will be no hurdling, leaping over, diving over or initiation of violent contact with the intent of dislodging the ball from a defensive player in an attempt to reach a base safely or avoid a tag.