

Baseball and Softball at CYBSA

Please read the following descriptions carefully, before registering. All dates are approximate. We try to keep them as accurate as possible, but please know they could be earlier or later than stated here.

While we try to provide the most accurate information as possible, anything in this document is subject to change, including, but not limited to, dates and pricing.

Each division will be notated with a red number to estimate the level of play, relative to other levels within CYBSA.

1 = Purely recreational, laid back, and instructional. No scores or standings are kept.

10 = Highly competitive, heavy schedule, out of state travel is likely. Mostly travel tournament baseball.

T-Ball 6U (1-2):

When: Around the second week in May through around the third week in July

Practices: ~10 practices per team

Games: ~10 total games

Tournaments: No tournaments in this division

Cost: \$225

Description: T-Ball is a mix of coach pitch and hitting off of a tee. Players will receive a set number of pitches per coach, then if they fail to put the ball in play, they will hit off of the tee. Players have the option to start with the tee, if they want. No scores or standings are kept.

Baseball Rookie 8U (3-5), Minors 10U (4-6), Majors 12U (5-7):

When: Around the second week in May through around the third week in July

Practices: ~10 practices per team

Games: ~15 total games

Tournaments: Randy Seifert Tournament June and League Championship Tournament July

Cost: \$325-\$400, depending on division

Descriptions:

- Rookie is machine pitch, recommended for 7 & 8 year old players. No walks, no leadoffs, no stealing, but most other baseball rules apply.
- Minors is player pitch, recommended for 9 & 10 year old players. No leadoffs and no uncaught third strikes, but most other baseball rules apply.
- Majors is player pitch, recommended for 11 & 12 year old players. Full baseball rules apply.

Minors + 10U (5-7) and Majors + 12U (6-8)

When: Around the first of April through around the third week in July

Practices: ~20 practices per team

Games: ~25 total games

Tournaments: Pioneer Tournament April/May, SE Denver Tournament April/May, Centennial Tournament May/June, Randy Seifert Tournament June, and League Championship Tournament July

Cost: \$550-\$600, depending on division

Descriptions: Same as Minors and Majors divisions, except "Plus" teams will play in three interleague tournaments in April, May, and/or June. They will also start practicing ~5 weeks earlier, including indoor practices at HitStreak. "Plus" teams will play the same regular season and tournament schedule as the rest of the teams in the Minors or Majors division. "Plus" teams may play up an age or division in both regular season and/or CYBSA tournament play.

Babe Ruth 13 and Up (6-8)

When: Around early May through around the end of July

Practices: ~10 practices per team

Games: ~20-25 total games

Tournaments: Preseason Tournament May, Midseason Tournament June, and Championship Tournament July

Cost: \$500

Description: Babe Ruth 13 and up is for players who are 13 or older as of 1 May 2020. Babe Ruth division teams will play against similar aged teams from SE Denver and Pioneer in at least the tournaments and possibly some interleague regular season games, depending on availability. The Babe Ruth division plays full baseball rules.

Xtreme Baseball 9U and Up (7-10)

When: As early as 1 January with indoor, winter workouts, going through at least the end of July

Practices: ~ 50, usually 1-2 per week from January through July

Games: ~40-60 total games, starting in March and going through at least July

Tournaments: At least 5 tournaments, but likely more, determined by individual teams

Cost: \$1,600 (most often, can be more or less depending on the individual team)

Description: The Xtreme baseball division is travel baseball within CYBSA. Teams play interleague regular season games against other Cal Ripken travel teams. They participate in both league and outside tournaments, including CABA, Triple Crown, and others. Some teams will travel out of state for tournaments. While CYBSA teams, Xtreme teams are highly autonomous. Individual teams decide on what their schedule will look like. They choose their own tournaments, practices, uniforms, etc. Xtreme travel teams are still governed by Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules, including league rules like pitch count limits and the codes of conduct.

Softball 8U-10U-12U-14U

When: Practices start in April, games May through June

Practices: ~ 10 practices per team

Games: ~12 regular season games

Tournaments: Interleague Championship Tournament, double elimination over 3 days

Cost: \$300-\$400, depending on division

Descriptions:

8U - COACH PITCH (3-5)

Emphasis on basic fundamentals, object of the game, teamwork, sportsmanship and an introduction to competition. Coaches pitch from 35'. 11" RIF safety softball is used. No stealing, no advancing bases on overthrows.

Maximum age on January 1st is 8 years old. Minimum age is 5 years old, but most players in this division are 7-8.

10U - MODIFIED PLAYER PITCH (4-6)

Continued emphasis on fundamentals, progression of softball knowledge and competition. Players learn to pitch and hit player-pitched balls, in a modified rules setting (see RULES for details). 11" regular softball is used and pitching is from 35'. No walks (coach comes in to pitch after 4 player-pitched non-strikes), no dropped-third strike, stealing allowed once pitch reaches home plate, 1 stolen base per pitch, stealing home not allowed, 1 base advanced on overthrows.

Maximum age on January 1st is 10 years old. Players 8 and younger with advanced skills may request to play up one age division in 10U.

12U - PLAYER PITCH (5-7)

Increased competition and progression toward full softball rules. Players pitch with regular pitching rules. 12" regular softball is used and pitching is from 40'. Stealing allowed once pitcher releases ball.

Maximum age on January 1st is 12 years old. Players 10 and younger with advanced skills may request to play up one age division in 12U.

14U - PLAYER PITCH (5-7)

Increased competition with full softball rules (a few modified rules still in place; see RULES). Players pitch with regular rules. 12" regular softball is used and pitching is from 43'.

Maximum age on January 1st is 14 years old. Players 12 and younger with advanced skills may request to play up one age division in 14U.

Xtreme Softball 10U and Up (6-10)

When: March through June

Practices: Determined by coach. League provides ~ 1-2 per week from March-June.

Games: 10 regular season games.

Tournaments: Babe Ruth State Tournament, pool play plus double-elimination. 4 games guaranteed.

Cost: Varies per team

Descriptions: Team registration only (no individual registrations). Competitive league for ages 10U through 18U. Primarily tournament teams or experienced teams wanting to transition to tournament play. Contact CXFL director for more information: sedenver.softball@gmail.com.

Bambino Buddy Ball Ages 5-20 (0-1)

When: May through June

Practices: No practices

Games: ~8 total games

Tournaments: No tournaments

Cost: No cost to players

Description: Babe Ruth League, Inc. believes that every child has the right to participate in the games of baseball and softball. The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division was established for organizations who wish to charter a league that encompasses players ages 5-19 who are either physically and/or mentally challenged. This division makes allowance for a “buddy” to help the player swing a bat, round the bases, catch a ball, etc. There are no restrictions to the age of the “buddy”. A Bambino Buddy-Ball team may be comprised of players ages 5-19 and sometimes older. The Bambino Buddy-Ball division is designed so that everyone has the opportunity to have fun.

The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division allows our challenged or special needs athletes to develop confidence and positive self-esteem. It allows them to be part of organized sports and assists with physical fitness as well as their social skills. The joy and emotion you experience when you put on that first baseball uniform or cap on a challenged child’s head is like no other. As you can see, the Bambino Buddy-Ball Division is an emotionally rewarding experience for everyone as it also allows the “buddies” to feel good about helping their challenged friends, while at the same time making it a fun and memorable time for all.

Before the Bambino Buddy-Ball Division, our special needs kids were often unable to enjoy the game of baseball. Now, through the assistance of a special buddy, they are able to enjoy the same thrills of batting, hitting and throwing just like the other kids. The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division opens up a whole new world to our challenged kids – not only do they experience the thrill of participating, they also get to experience team play and camaraderie.

Advancing the personal development of any child through team participation and kinship is an important step along the road to success and happiness.