

Bullard Cal Ripken official rules for minors and majors

Except as expressly set forth below, the playing rules for all baseball games shall be those covered in the most current edition of the Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken League Playing Rules and Official Baseball Rules

1. The home team is responsible for setting up the field, including: raking or dragging the infield dirt, watering the "dirt", setting up the bases and outfield fences. The visiting team is responsible for doing the same field prep after the game. Both teams are responsible for picking up trash.
2. The home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout and the visiting team will occupy the 1st base dugout.
3. **No infield use before games. Home team may use left field line for pre-game warm ups, visitor may use right field line. No use of pitcher's mound for pre-game. For the safety of the players and spectators, batting practice is NOT allowed during the warm-up time. Whiffle balls or mush balls can be hit a safe distance from the infield**
4. Should an umpire not arrive for the game: one should be chosen from among the parents of the participating teams with dual consent of the respective coaches. An umpire cannot be pulled from another game if your umpire does not show up.
5. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach of the Home Team to notify the Umpire Commissioner if an umpire fails to show up.
6. Both the home and visiting team will supply 2 baseballs to the umpire in charge of the game before the start of play.
7. All players are placed in the batting order. Team's batting lineups must be exchanged between coaches and/or scorekeepers prior to the start of the game. Any scoring disputes will be resolved by reference to the home team scoring records.
8. Run Limits:

Minors - there is a 6 run limit per inning

Majors - there is a 6 run limit per inning

In playoffs, there will be no run limit for the last inning of play or for extra innings
9. Teams must field a minimum of 7 players at the start of the game. If a team is unable to field 7 players, the game will be forfeited. Call ups are recommended for teams short of players. The opposing team can loan a player to play in the outfield to get the game played. The loaned player(s) will play defense for their own team and only hit for their team.
10. Games will consist of 6 innings or one hour and forty-five minutes, whichever occurs first. The new inning begins at the moment of the 3rd out in the prior inning. Games may be called by the coaches or umpires due to darkness.
11. No player will be kept from playing defensively for more than one (1) consecutive inning and not more than two innings in a six inning game. (Exceptions may be made for disciplinary reasons or illness.)

12. Pitching rubbers will be set at 46 feet for minors and 50 feet for majors.
13. Wood bats may be used.
14. Any attempt to "run over" a defensive player by the base runner will be called out and can be ejected.
15. All batters and base runners must wear helmets at all times.
16. No player shall play with a cast (hard or soft).
17. There is absolutely no badgering of opposing teams players ("Hey batter batter"). All players are free to cheer for their own teammates as they wish, although they must stop when the pitcher comes 'set'.
18. All players on a team's roster will bat in rotation in every game. The batting order cannot be changed once the game begins except to add late players to the bottom of the line-up.
19. During the game, defensive coaches belong in the dugout.
20. The balk rule applies in the Majors. Third to first or first to third moves will be called a balk. No balk rule in the Minors, just a warning by the umpire.

21. Pitching:

Pitchers may pitch six (6) innings per calendar week.

The calendar week is Monday through Sunday.

One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. Pitching Limitations:

Majors & Minors shall not pitch in more than two innings per game.

21. Stealing:

Majors - Per official baseball rules

Minors, 10 year olds - Per official Cal Ripken Rules

Minors, 9 year olds - Per official Cal Ripken Rules with the exception of no stealing home for the first (8) games. After the teams 8th game, stealing home will be allowed including the playoffs.

Base runners must stop at 3rd when stealing bases for the first (8) games.

9s may not score on overthrows for the first (8) games either. Players must be hit home.

Minors, 9's & 10's - Base runner cannot lead off and cannot leave the base until the ball crosses home plate on a pitch.

22. No big barrel bats may be used in any age group

23. All players should be given the opportunity to play an infield position during the course of the season.

24. Calling up Players:

Can be pulled up from any age group. Must have approval of the parents. Must notify the lower age group coordinator. Cannot be pulled up when his team is playing. Cannot be pulled up more than four (4) times per season. Cannot pitch, but can play any other defensive position. Must bat last. In the event a late player shows up, the late player would bat last. A team cannot pull up more than 1 player per game unless it is needed to keep from forfeiting. A team must start the game with all rostered players playing defensively. A team can only pull up enough players necessary to total 9 players for that game.

25. A player cannot be called up for playoffs.

26. Fresno Unified School District prohibit the use of tobacco products and/or the consumption of alcohol any time when on school property. Use of cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products and/or the consumption of alcohol while on school property will result in the offending person or persons being asked to leave school grounds.

27. No pets or animals of any kind are allowed on 'school property, unless a person is being aided by said animal.

28. Umpires decision is final. Should a dispute arise during the course of the game, the two head coaches and the umpire should reach a mutual understanding regarding the dispute: This should be done quietly and quickly. Violation of rules could result in forfeiture of a game, suspension of a manager or coach, or other penalty as determined by the President.

29. Notice that the game is being played under protest must be filed with the Head Umpire by the team manager immediately at the time of the disputed decision and before the next pitched ball. A protest arising on a game ending' maybe filed until noon of the following day to the President of the League. Protests are voted on and determined by a majority vote of the Board.

30. Players, coaches, spectators and fans are all subject to the Bullard Cal Ripken Policies and Procedures as well as these rules.

31. Players, coaches, spectators and fans may not badger, mock or taunt the umpire or the players, coaches, spectators or fans of the opposing team in any manner during the course of the game. Players, coaches, spectators and fans who are disruptive to the progress or the purpose of the game (or games) will forfeit the privilege of participating in the game (or future games) at the discretion of the umpire or the League President. Under no circumstance are players, coaches, spectators or fans to argue with umpires or players, coaches, spectators and fans of the opposing team. Anyone doing so will shall be reported to the League President and will be subject to forfeiture of the privilege of participating in future games.