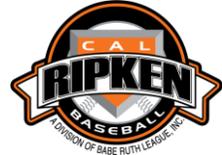




# Springdale Parks and Recreation

## Cal Ripken Baseball Rules and Regulations



### General League Rules

1. All batters will wear a batting helmet.
2. The catcher will wear a facemask, helmet, mitt, chest protector, shin guards, and a protective cup. The catcher must use a catcher's mitt.
  - a. Exception: Tball catchers will wear the catcher's helmet and protective cup but are not required to wear the additional equipment. Their placement behind the plate will be determined by the home plate coach(umpire) that is deemed the safest area for the catcher.
3. Arrive on the field no later than 20 minutes to game start time.
  - a. Teams playing on the Cal Ripken field
    - i. Visitors have batting cage time 1hr prior to start
    - ii. Home team has batting cage time 40 minutes prior to start
4. 3 copies of the batting order are needed 10 minutes prior to game time. Lineup includes players' first initial, last name, and number.
  - a. Scorekeeper
  - b. Umpire
  - c. Opposing team coach
5. Teams must clean their dugouts after their game prior to the next team arriving.
6. Tobacco in any form is not allowed at the ballpark.
7. The use of profanity is prohibited at the ballpark. Profanity used by coaches, parents, or players will be grounds for removal from the park and possible removal from future participation in the league.
8. Slash Bunt/Fake Bunt is out and no runners may advance. Slash or Fake Bunt is fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing.
9. All catchers, even those warming up a pitcher, must wear protective equipment.
10. Offensive runners intentionally and maliciously running into defensive players at a base or home plate are out and ejected from the game.

### Rookie Division

1. Games will be played on 60' bases with the pitching rubber at 46'.

2. There is a one hour time limit or 6 innings, whichever comes first. There is no tie-breaker during league play.
  - a. In tournaments there are no ties.
3. No stealing is allowed.
4. A passed ball is a pitched ball that is not in control of the catcher and outside a 3' radius of the catcher.
  - a. A passed ball is live and runners may advance except to home plate and only one base is allowed.
5. All players should play at least one inning in the infield.
  - a. This does not apply in tournament play.

### **Minor Division**

1. Games will be played on 60' bases with the pitching rubber at 46'.
2. There is a one hour and thirty minute time limit or 6 innings, whichever comes first. There is a one inning tie-breaker during league play.
  - a. In tournaments there are no ties.
3. Standard rules apply for substitutions and sick/ill players.
  - a. If sick prior to game, then they cannot enter the game.
  - b. If become sick, they can be removed without incurring an out.
  - c. If removed from on base due to injury or illness, then last out will be substitute runner.
4. Maximum of 6 runs per inning.
5. Pitch Count
  - a. 60 pitches or 6 innings, whichever is less
    - i. Pitcher may pitch over 60
      1. If while facing a batter
        - a. Batter reaches base
        - b. Is out
  - b. Tournaments

- i. No more than 6 innings in two consecutive games.
  - c. All pitchers must pitch a minimum of one inning.
- 6. All players should play at least one inning in the infield.
  - a. This does not apply in tournament play.
- 7. Free Substitution
  - a. Except for pitcher
- 8. Run Rule
  - a. 15 after 3
  - b. 10 after 4

### **Major Division**

- 1. Games will be played on 70' bases with the pitching rubber at 50'.
- 2. There is a one hour and thirty minute time limit or 6 innings, whichever comes first. There is a one inning tie-breaker during league play.
  - a. In tournaments there are no ties.
- 3. Standard rules apply for substitutions and sick/ill players.
  - a. If sick prior to game, then they cannot enter the game.
  - b. If become sick, they can be removed without incurring an out.
  - c. If removed from on base due to injury or illness, then last out will be substitute runner.
- 4. Pitch Count
  - a. 70 pitches or 6 innings per calendar week (Sunday – Saturday), whichever is less
    - i. Pitcher may pitch over 70
      - 1. If while facing a batter
        - a. Until Batter reaches base
        - b. Or Is out
    - b. Tournaments
      - i. No more than 6 innings in two consecutive game
- 5. Free Substitution

a. Except for pitcher

6. Run Rule

a. 15 after 3

b. 10 after 4