

8 & Under Boys Baseball 2018

Rule Clarifications & Exceptions to Cal Ripken League Rules

1. Games are one hour and fifteen minutes. Do **not** start a new inning with less than five (5) minutes to play in regulation time.
2. Six (6) run limit **per** inning for all innings played, home team will still bat in bottom of last inning even if losing by more than five (5) runs or winning.
3. **No** stealing or lead offs is allowed at any time.
4. Play is considered stopped (dead ball) once the ball is under control and within 10 feet of the pitching machine. If a batted ball or thrown ball hits the pitching machine it becomes a dead ball and the batter is awarded first base and/or base runners advance one (1) base.
5. Runners may advance only one (1) base on overthrow to first, overthrows to any other base my advance at free will.
6. Speed of pitching machine will be set at **42 mph** and at distance of **46 feet**.
7. Each batter will be given three (3) strikes or five (5) pitches. If batter swings it is a strike regardless of ball location crossing the plate.
8. Official or coach feeding pitching machine will call "no pitch" if ball is outside batter's strike zone and is NOT swung at. Such call will not count as hittable and will be awarded one (1) additional pitch.
9. **No** bunting will be allowed.
10. Ten (10) players will play each inning with four (4) in the outfield, all players will be included in the batting order regardless of playing in field.
11. Rotate players positions at least every two (2) per game to give all players opportunity to play all positions. All players are required to play two (2) innings in infield and two (2) innings in outfield each game (catcher & pitcher are considered infield positions).
12. Home team will keep scorebook and both coaches will sign at end of game. Visitors will keep the scoreboard.

The umpire's decision is final.

There will be no protests and all coaches will be responsible for educating his/her team and their parents about the "CODE OF CONDUCT"

Teams are responsible for cleaning out their dugout AND bleachers after each game!