

Old Rochester Youth Baseball

Divisional Information

Tee Ball: Ballplayers ages 4-6 learn hitting and fielding fundamentals in a supportive team environment. Young athletes hit the ball from a batting tee which is height-adjusted for a level swing, batting in order through the line-up for the entire game. The primary goal is to begin to instruct young players in the fundamentals of baseball in a supportive team environment.

Farm League: Designed primarily for ballplayers ages 6-8, this division makes use of a coach pitching to allow for more hittable balls at the plate and more action in the field. Fear of being hit by a pitched ball is diminished. It makes the game safer and improves the playing confidence and ability of all participants. Player pitching is introduced after the first half of the season in preparation for growth for the following year.

Minors: Recommended for ballplayers ages 8-11. Players build and refine their fundamental skills while beginning to understand game strategy and teamwork. Participants first experience post-season tournament competition in this level, with playoffs being instituted.

Majors: The most experienced level of Cal Ripken Baseball, recommended for 10, 11, and 12-year-old players, with entrance being determined based on tryouts. Cal Ripken Baseball is played under the Official Baseball Rules but implements some special rules as necessary for the development and welfare of this young age group. Under the Major Division, there are two formats, the Major/70 and Major/60 divisions. In both formats, games consist of six innings. To encourage the league to train more pitchers, there are rules that set the maximum number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a calendar week.

To be specific, ORYB was previously in the Major/60 division, but is transitioning into the Major/70 division beginning in 2020. With a 50' pitching distance and 70' base paths, this division is offering an option to the major division format, while also including specific details such as base leading as a preparation means for Babe Ruth Baseball when graduating from the Youth Baseball sector.