

Marlborough Youth Baseball Association

2026 Playing Rules (March, 2026)



Summer All Stars
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GOVERNING BODY

This guide is provided as a common framework on Marlborough Youth Baseball Association program rules of play. The MYBA Board of Directors retains final decision making authority for all matters pertaining to the program and may rule on issues and provide remedies not described in this document. Decisions by the Board of Directors are final.

MANAGING CONFLICT

Common sense and courtesy will prevent most conflicts, but situations that cannot be resolved on site should be referred to the League Director. Code of Conduct document will be provided to all managers and coaches.

Refer to the following principles while resolving conflict:

- Foster the physical, mental, emotional growth of the youth of the community
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of sportsmanship and fair play
- The league is for kids to **PLAY** baseball. MYBA decisions will be resolved in a manner that require player safety and are biased towards player involvement and fun.

LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

1. All Star Eligibility: In order to be eligible to make a summer All Star MYBA team, you must be rostered on a current MYBA Spring team and complete both requirements below:
 - i. Attendance: At the time of evaluations AND at the end of the season, you must have attended and participated in 50% of town spring ball games. If any players are injured during the regular season AND will be healthy to play in the summer all-star season, they are expected to attend Spring season games as a teammate to support. If a player is unable to attend the necessary regular season games due to an extreme illness or injury, their ability to play is subject to review and approval of the MYBA Board.
 - ii. Evaluation: Evaluations will traditionally take place in early May and the board will provide 2 dates for evaluations. YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST ONE OF THE EVALUATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY ALL STARS. If you are unable to attend due to a medical issue or have any questions around the evaluations, you must address any concerns before the final evaluation with the All Star Coordinator, Youth Coordinator, or League President
2. MYBA Code of Conduct: Before competing on any team, players and ALL guardians or parents must read and sign the MYBA Code of Conduct. Failure to complete and sign form will disallow you to compete with your team until completed.
3. Age Levels: The goal of MYBA will be to create 5 teams for the Cal Ripken Tournament Series each summer: 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U. All ages will evaluate individually and players must compete at their age level if there is a team playing in that age bracket
 - i. 8U / 9U Exception: If there are not enough players to complete a full rostered team of 8U players, 8U players may be considered to fill and complete the 9U team
 - ii. Blended Ages: If there are other age groups that cannot field a complete rostered team of 12 players, the Board may discuss and vote to determine if a

blend team can be created to allow players to compete. This will be an exception and reviewed year by year.

4. Rules: All Cal Ripken Tournaments are governed by current Cal Ripken rules and will be applied to each individual age bracket. Coaches will be required to read and review rules on an annual basis to make sure they are current with any rule changes (i.e. pitch count, stealing, substitution rules, etc.).
5. MYBA Minimum Play Rules: All members of the rostered squad will be required to play at least one inning in the field and participate at one plate appearance once per game at all Cal Ripken Trail Tournaments. If a player was not able to be played during a game (due to a mercy or forfeit), all attempts should be made to start that player during the next game and play at least a minimum of 2 innings to compensate.
 - i. Non-Ripken Tournaments: Teams will be encouraged to attend other tournaments throughout the summer to increase level of play and enjoy themselves. Those tournaments may have additional rules that differ from Ripken tournaments (bat full order, max pitch innings, etc.). All local tournament rules shall be followed while also adhering to the minimum MYBA play rules.