

2021 10 Cal Ripken Rules

Bats - Only USA approved bats are authorized to be used for Cal Ripken and the barrel diameter cannot exceed 2 5/8". No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division.

Pitch Limit - 3 inning maximum per game (all games except league tournament).

Please keep in mind the Cal Ripken guidelines. Each coach is responsible for keeping track of pitch counts.

Pitch Count (9-10 yrs.):

1-40: No days rest

41-65: 1 day rest

65-75: 2 days rest

- Cannot pitch three consecutive days.
- GFYBA believes that pitchers need to pitch as much as possible to develop healthy arms. With that in mind the pitch count limits are set up to ensure that arms remains healthy.
- Travel games are included in league operations for pitching count, and it is the Travel Teams' responsibility to provide league coaches appropriate information on pitcher usage.

Note: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit (75 pitches) while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

Games -

- Mondays: 1 game. 6 innings and will count toward league standings. Kids arrive 6:00pm, 30 minute practice before game, game starts 6:30pm sharp. No inning starting after 8:15pm.
- Wednesdays: 2 games. The first game will be 6 innings and will count toward league standings. The second game will be a "development game" and will not count towards league standings. Kids arrive 5:30-5:45pm, game starts 6:00pm sharp. No inning starting after 8:15pm.
- For the game that counts toward league standings, coaches are encouraged to play kids in positions they will most likely succeed. We want the competition level to push all players to improve.
- For the "development game" coaches pitch after 4 balls.
- In the "development game" coaches are encouraged to move kids into positions they have not played before or are just learning to play including pitchers and catchers.

End of Year Tournament: July 12-13

Weather cancellations - Posted on www.gfbaseball.com and Facebook - Search @grandforksyouthbaseball

Game Rules: Normal baseball rules, except:

- ★ Maximum Runs Per Inning 5 (except for the last inning)
- ★ 10 run rule is in effect after 4 innings
- ★ No Trick Plays (including stealing home on a pitch)
- ★ Bat ALL players each game.
 - Once a batting order is set a player cannot bat out of order unless an injury has occurred whereby a player is unable to bat, and his spot must be skipped. We will not count the injured player as an automatic out.
 - Use a rotating line up from week to week and game to game (i.e. player that was on deck during last out will lead off the next game).
- ★ Free substitution for any position in the field.
- ★ Base runners not allowed to lead off.
- ★ Base runner on third base may score on any baseball play. Exception: Games on May 5, May 12, and May 19 base runner on third base may not score on a passed ball.
- ★ Stealing and advancing on passed balls allowed. Baserunner must stay on the base until the ball crosses home plate.
- ★ Sliding: No head-first slides unless you are sliding back to a bag. *Additionally, all players are REQUIRED to slide (feet first) when there is a play at home plate or will be called out for not sliding. At second and third bases, any baserunner who in the judgment of the umpire runs into or interferes with a fielder instead of sliding will be called out for interference.
- ★ Drop Third Strike: A catcher is not required to catch a third strike for it to be an out.
- ★ Bunting is allowed. However, please use sparingly as we want kids to be aggressive and confident hitters.
- ★ If a team is short a player or two the opposing team player that made the last out will play defense for the team that is short players.

General Guidelines:

- 1) We want kids to learn baseball fundamentals and have FUN doing so. Make practices fun and informative. Focus on the fundamentals but keep everyone moving throughout a practice.
- 2) Try not to run up scores on your opponent as we are trying to keep kids motivated and interested in the game.
- 3) Treat everyone (especially umpires) with respect. If you need to ask a question or if there is something you can help the umpire with – please do so discreetly and in a calm manner.
- 4) Please focus on positive communication with your players (no swearing or derogatory comments). Try to put players in positions to succeed. Have FUN!
- 5) Coaches should make every effort to rotate kids between infield and outfield positions for all games, and not have a player sitting on the bench for 2 innings in a row.