



## 2021 Lebanon Youth Baseball Association Player Eligibility Policy

### Spring and Fall Leagues:

To provide players with the opportunity to play with their classmates, LYBA will transition to a grade-based eligibility policy. The new grade grouping policy is aligned with LYBA's commitment to providing positive experiences for a player's development. In the case that a league is short players; LYBA will follow the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken eligibility age chart and may move players based on the next age-appropriate player.

Determination of the next eligible DOB/GRADE player will be by the first player closest to the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken age cutoff. (e.g., 2 players; player 1 DOB 5/2, player 2 DOB 5/10. Player 1 would be offered the opportunity to move leagues. If they decline, the next oldest player will be offered the opportunity until desired numbers are reached.)

League	Grades	Cal Ripken Birth Dates	Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Age
USA Quickball	Pre-K & K	5/1/2014 – 4/30/2017	4U, 5U and 6U
Rookie	1 & 2	5/1/2012 – 4/30/2014	7U and 8U
Minor	3 & 4	5/1/2010 – 4/30/2012	9U and 10U
Major	5 & 6	5/1/2008 – 4/30/2010	11U and 12U
Junior Babe Ruth	7 & 8	5/1/2005 – 4/30/ 2008	13U – 15U*

\*in past years the league in which our Babe Ruth team(s) has(ve) played allows 16-year-olds to play, but there are rules limiting the number of 16-year-olds in the lineup at one time.

LYBA expects 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to play middle school baseball. Players in 7<sup>th</sup> grade who are of Cal Ripken age to play on the 12U Tournament Trail team, are eligible to play in the Summer Season.

### Summer League:

**All-Stars:** Players must meet eligibility criteria for tournaments in which that team is playing. LYBA wants all players to be rostered with their age appropriate team, provided that there is one. If there is not a team at a player's age, they may try out for the next older team for which they are age eligible. All players must live within LYBA's geographic area as defined by New Hampshire Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball, which includes the following cities or towns: Lebanon, West Lebanon, Plainfield, Meriden, Enfield, Canaan, Dorchester, and Orange.

**Cal Ripken** sanctioned tournament (districts, states, regionals, world series) **Rule 11.03 Player eligibility** must be followed. Briefly, the player must be age



eligible, must be at or under age of team (8U, 10U...) and not age up before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year. The player must have been rostered with Babe Ruth, Inc./Cal Ripken Baseball by 6/1/2021. Players who do not play baseball in the LYBA Spring Season but want to play summer all-star baseball with LYBA, are eligible to tryout and to roster with an all-star team.

**Invitational Tournament play:** For any tournament that the team is involved with, it is the responsibility of the player, parent and coaches to make sure that all players are eligible for each and every tournament, according to each tournament's specific rules.