

Newberg Cal Ripken Baseball

Rookie Rules

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Note: The Newberg Cal-Ripken league will follow the guidelines set in the 2017 Cal-Ripken rule book unless a change is specifically mentioned below.

Safety Rules:

- Defensive Managers and Coaches shall be permitted on the field during the game to give instruction to players.
- Batting helmets must be worn by the batter, on-deck batter, and base runners.
- Players waiting to hit should remain in the dugout and behind the fenced area until it is the player's turn to be on-deck.

General Rules:

- No official score is kept.
 - Since no score is kept, games are permitted with less than 9 players per team.
- All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order and play in the field.
- Each ½ inning shall be completed when five runs are scored or three outs are recorded. Whichever comes first.
- Each game will be a 1-hour time limit, with a maximum of 6-innings.
- No stealing or leading off.
- Coaches should rotate players to new fielding positions each inning.

Hitting Rules:

- Coaches will pitch to their own team. Players will not pitch during a game.
 - Weekday games will be coach pitch
 - Saturday games will be pitching machine
- Each batter will be pitched a maximum of five pitches.
 - No balls or strikes will be called, and there are not strikeouts, walks, or bunts.
 - If the ball is not put in play after five pitches, the batter will hit off the tee.
 - No extra pitches for foul balls or "bad" pitches.
 - The ball must travel 5 feet from the tee in fair territory.
- A batter stays at bat until hitting the ball into play.
- Runners may advance **one base on an overthrow**.
 - Only one overthrow will be allowed per at bat.
 - After the first overthrow and advancement of runners, the ball is dead and the next batter should be pitched to.
- On-deck batters and dugouts should be supervised by a designated coach or parent.
- No head first sliding is allowed when advancing towards any base.

Fielding Rules:

- Players in the catcher position must wear catcher's gear.
- All defensive players shall be permitted on the field.

- Two infielders will be positioned on either side of the adult pitcher with all other infielders in standard infield positions and any extra players stationed in the outfield.