

**Umpqua Valley Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth
2026 Minors League Local & Common Rules**

Each team must start with at least 8 players, may finish with less due to injuries. Late arriving players must be entered at the end of the lineup prior to the 1st inning.

No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. A game may end in a tie.

6 runs per inning or 3outs, whichever comes first. No run limit in the last inning (last inning must be declared last inning by the umpire). 10 run mercy rule in effect after 4 innings.

Each player must play at least 6 defensive outs. Teams must hit entire roster and can turn the roster over during an at-bat.

Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate.

Balks can be called and pitcher will be warned only. No base advance.

3 HBP and pitcher must be removed.

Free substitutions. Only starting pitcher not removed from the game can return to the mound.

Automatic walks are allowed and add four pitches to the pitch count.

Second trip to mound in same inning, pitcher must be removed.

There is no dropped 3rd strike rule. If a batter swings and misses a pitch that is their 3rd strike the batter is out whether the catcher catches it or not. Base runners can advance.

Follow league pitch count guidelines. Once pitcher meets maximum pitches, he must be removed from pitching, even if in the middle of a count with a batter. Pitch count per inning; both arms.

Age	Max Pitches	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+

Fake Bunt-Slash Bunt- A batter is out for illegal actions when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing, thus eliminating a player from fake bunting (slap-hitting) the ball. Penalty: Batter is out, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance.

*All Divisions: Players may only play on their originally rostered team for the year-end tournament unless a change has approved by the UVCR Board.

*All Divisions: Runner at home plate or base intentionally and maliciously runs into defensive player in the area will be called out and ejected from the game; umpire discretion

*All Divisions: If any bat cannot be clearly identified for its make and model to determine the barrel composition, then the bat should be removed from the game. Bats must have the "USA" baseball marking, may not have a barrel diameter LARGER than 2 5/8". BBCOR bats are NOT allowed.

Coach/Player/Fan that is ejected from the game must leave the park immediately. If the individual that is ejected refuses to leave the park, their team forfeits the game. The coach or player that was ejected will be suspended for their next game. Ejection is at the discretion of the umpire. The manager of the team has

AN APPEAL MUST BE MADE WITHIN 24 HOURS AND APPEAL IS MADE TO THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE/PLAYER AGENT, WHO WILL CONSULT THE RULES COMMITTEE AND/OR HEAD UMPIRE. NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD ON JUDGEMENT CALLS BY AN UMPIRE. THE COACH MAKING THE APPEAL MUST MAKE THE APPEAL HEARD TO THE UMPIRE BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH IS THROWN AFTER THE PLAY IN QUESTION.

COACHES AND HOME BOOK ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING THEIR PITCH COUNTS. THE HOME BOOK MUST NOTIFY COACHES OF PITCH LIMITS *BEFORE* THEY ARE EXCEEDED.

ALL OTHER OFFICIAL LEAGUE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED