

The Ripken Experience – Aberdeen, MD

2019 8u Tournament Rules

**We will use all 9u Ripken Tournament Rules, except for the following rules listed below.*

FIELD DIMENSIONS:

- Pitching Distance: 40'
- Base Distance: 60'

LEADING AND STEALING: Base runners will **NOT** be allowed to steal. Also, base runners will **NOT** be allowed to advance on pass balls or steal when the catcher is throwing the ball back to the pitcher (delayed steal).

- The base runner can only advance when the batter hits the baseball or walks.
- Base runners cannot be picked off or advance from throws by a defensive player in between pitches.

BUNTING: There will be **NO** bunting in our 8u tournaments.

- If the batter attempts a bunt, it will be an immediate dead ball and the batter will receive a strike. Base runners will be placed back to the base that they occupied before the pitch was thrown.

OUTFIELD POSITIONING: The three outfielders must stay in the grass, behind the infield dirt, until the batter makes contact with the baseball.

UMPIRES: All of our 8u tournament games will have 1 umpire, except for the championship game which will have 2 umpires.

TIME LIMIT: There will be a 1 hour and 30-minute time limit on all 8u baseball games.

RUN LIMIT: If the offensive team scores 7 runs before the defensive team records 3 outs, the half inning will be over.

- There is **NO** run limit in the 6th inning, or during any extra innings played.