

**Three Rivers Youth Baseball & Softball  
2025 Cal Ripken- Majors Division  
Local League Rules**

**ALL GAMES MUST START WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Game Preparation / Take Down**

- Home Team is responsible for providing Plate Umpire
- Away Team is responsible for providing field Umpire
- Designated Home Team is responsible for prepping the field for game.
  - Chalk lines, place bases, etc....
  - Most important for FIRST game of that particular day
- Designated Visiting Team is responsible for field clean up.
  - Wet down and rake the plate and mound areas, removal of bases and locked in equipment shed if there is not a following game.
  - Most important following LAST game of the day.

**Pre-Game Warm-Up & Field Use**

- Teams can warm up off field until the previous game is completed.
  - You will have a minimum of 15 min (7 minutes per team) to warm up on the playing field.

**Playing Time / Substitutions**

- All teams are required to “Bat 9” (Line up) and adhere to the mandatory sub play of at least 1 at bat, and 6 consecutive outs in the field.
- Any starting player may be removed from the game and return as long as he is in the same spot in the batting order.
- A substitute player who has been removed is NOT permitted to return.
  - Unless all available players have played and an injury necessitates reentry.
- There is no penalty for illegal entry of a player other than they must be immediately removed from the game.

**Base Running**

- Players are allowed to lead off and steal bases at any time unless an umpire has called timeout.
- Batters are allowed to run to first on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike unless 1st base is occupied with less than 2 outs

**Pitching**

- A pitcher cannot be moved to catcher after 1 pitch into the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or vice versa.
- Pitchers cannot exceed 85 pitches in a day (game) (refer to page 26 of rulebook)
- Pitch Count and Required Days of Rest...
  - 66+ pitches = 2 full days of rest (Saturday - Rest Sun/Mon - Pitch Tuesday)
  - 41-65 pitches = 1 full day of rest

- o 0-40 pitches = Can pitch the next day
- o As long as he isn't removed during a "2nd trip" to the mound by the coach.
- A 2nd trip by coach to the mound during the same inning means the pitcher must be removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game.

### **Equipment Requirements:**

- USA Bat Marking and Bat Barrel Maximum of 2 5/8"
- All bats to be placed outside dugout prior to start of game for inspection. No illegal bats permitted in dugouts at any time during games or practice.
- Helmets are required for all batters, base runners, and players "on deck"
  - o Bat boys / girls need a helmet too
- Cleats CAN NOT have metal spikes
- Jewelry is permitted - Umpires have the authority to request removal.

### **Game Length**

- Official game start time must be recorded in the scorebook following first pitch of the game.
- Games are 6 innings long (extra innings in playoff games only) or...
- 10 Run rule can take effect after 3 ½ (or 4 innings) if either team has a 10+ run lead
- Game has reached 3 ½ innings and 1:45 minutes (Home team does not need to bat)
- Game has reached 4 innings and teams are past 1:45 minutes
  - o **Do not start the next inning**
- Game length limit 2 hours. New inning cannot start after 2-hour limit.
- **In the event that a game is called by the umpire due to lack of daylight or other safety concerns before completion of the inning the official score will revert back to the score at the end of the previous inning.**

\*\*\* Teams need to be mindful of other teams waiting for access to the field and dugout. Please clear the dugout and field immediately following handshakes. Post game meetings need to be done outside the playing fields if there are other teams waiting for access to fields.

The home team is required to provide the official scorebook.

Both teams are required to track their own players pitch counts and report those counts within 1 hour following each game to the text group.

**Pitch count and days rest will include any and all leagues or teams a player participates in. If it is discovered that a player has pitched over their limit, or has not followed the appropriate required days rest between pitching assignments the team in violation of these rules will forfeit the game.**