



# Upper Rogue Cal Ripken

*"Playing Ball the Ripken Way"*

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## Rookie Division Rules

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1. Boys and girls 6-7-8 years of age can play rookie division baseball/softball. Any 9 year old needs President approval
2. There will be ten players on the field; you may use one extra if enough players are present.
3. Coaches will pitch the first two innings (3 strikes for an out), and players will pitch the last two. All pitchers will pitch from 35 feet from plate for boys, 30 feet for girls. Girls will pitch underhand.
4. Baselines are 60 feet when possible.
5. The batting order shall consist of all players. The order will follow regardless of which players are used in defense in a particular inning. (All rosters players shall bat).
6. Innings should consist of either 3 outs or managers may agree to bat the entire roster for the first 2 innings of each game.
7. Pitcher (player) will pitch four pitches to each batter. If the batter does not put the ball into play or strike out within the first four pitches, the manager will then resume pitching. The count shall continue until the batter either hits or strikes out. There are no walks.
8. No stealing bases. No advancing on passed ball by catcher.
9. Over throw: on any attempted play at a base, the runner or runners will be permitted to advance at their own risk, but not more than one base.
10. The inning is over when three outs are made or when nine players on the roster have batted one time. Umpire/manager shall announce "last batter". This division is to develop hitting, fielding, and throwing. No standings are to be kept, encourage the kids to have fun!
11. On last batter, a defensive play must be made in the field prior to throwing home.
12. There may be one (1) coach in each coach's box, and one (1) adult/coach on the field for instructional purposes.
13. No infield fly rule.
14. On deck position is permitted.
15. No head first sliding.
16. Games shall consist of four complete innings or no new inning after one hour 30 minutes, whichever comes first. Weeknight games start at 5:30 and play will suspend at 7:30 p.m.
17. Umpires for the rookie division can be parents, coaches or any boy/girl over 12 years old.
18. All players must wear league provided uniforms, especially hats and jerseys.
19. Every player on a team roster will play in a game for a minimum of six consecutive defensive outs and bat at least one time. Teams with more than 12 players may reduce the rule to 3 defensive outs and one at bat.
20. Players not involved in the game must remain in the dugout.