



# Upper Rogue Cal Ripken

"Playing Ball the Ripken Way"

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## T-Ball Division Rules

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1. 4-6 year old boys and girls will play t-ball.
2. Complete games shall consist of 4 complete innings or a 1.5 hour time limit *whichever* comes first.
3. Playing line-up shall be 10 players defensively. The entire roster shall bat each inning and bench players must rotate in every inning. There will be NO strikeouts. When a defensive out is made, the batter is out, and shall return to the bench.
4. Each player shall bat at least once and play one inning in the field.
5. Managers and coaches of the offensive team will be the umpires and can coach the batter and base runners. Managers and coaches of the defensive team will be allowed on the field during play to coach and guide the defensive players. (Limit of 3)
6. A circle in front of home plate with a radius of 15 feet shall be chalked in fair territory from 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline to 1<sup>st</sup> baseline. Anything hit outside the radius constitutes a fair ball; likewise anything not hit past the radius is a foul ball. If the tee is hit causing ball to fall, it shall be a foul ball. All normal fouls shall be called.
7. Base runner must stay in contact with the base until ball is hit from tee. Runner leading off shall be returned to base unless forced to the next base. When possible baselines shall be 50 feet.
8. Only the umpire/manager can return to the tee.
9. All catchers will wear protective gear at ALL times.
10. Play will stop and time called when ball is in control of an infielder in position and runner cannot advance.
11. Headfirst sliding is NOT permitted. Infield fly rule doesn't apply.
12. There may be one (1) adult coach in coach's box and one (1) adult or supervised player in the other coach's box, and one (1) adult coach on the field for instructional purposes.
13. Players not involved in play must remain seated in dugout. The on-deck position is permitted, as long as there is a parent/coach to supervise.
14. Line up cards will be used for the purpose of keeping the batting roster straight. No runs shall be counted but tally of outs should be kept to encourage better defensive play. The t-ball program is instructional and fun not competitive!
15. No team standings shall be kept. There shall be no forfeited or protested games. If one team does not have enough players and both teams are at the field, the team with the full roster can lend players to the other team and continue play.
16. All players must wear league provided uniforms, especially hats and jerseys.
17. This division is to help develop fielding, throwing, and batting. Encourage all of the kids and have FUN!