

Cal Ripken Grand Forks 2018 Rules 9 & 10 yrs

2018 Babe Ruth Bat Rules – Only USA approved bats are authorized to be used for Cal Ripken and the barrel diameter cannot exceed 2 5/8". **No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division.**

For league this year we will be using the Cal Ripken pitch count for pitchers but will also have a 3 inning maximum per game for pitchers. I.E. a pitcher can pitch a maximum of 75 pitches and/or three innings during our league games.

Cal Ripken Pitch Count (9-10 yrs.):

1-40: No days rest

41-65: 1 day rest

66-75: 2 days rest

Note: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit (75 pitches) while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

Games start the week of May 7th, with games starting at 6:00pm.

- 1) **Monday's Games:** May 7th-May 28th One 6 inning game with a 2 hour time limit you will not start a new inning after the 1:45 minute mark (7:45pm) and all games will be over by 8pm.

Starting double headers June 4th. The first game will be 6 innings if possible played from 6:00-7:50 and will count towards league standings. The second game will be begin by 8:05 and will be primarily for player development and will not count towards league standings.

- a) Rules will be the same for both games
- b) In the second game coaches are encouraged to move kids into positions they have not played before or are just learning to play including pitchers and catchers
- c) Second game will end at 8:45 regardless.

Gerrell's Tournament: The annual Gerrells tournament will be held the 8th-10th of June this year in Grand Forks. All league players are eligible to play in this tournament. If interested in playing please let Dennis Griffin know.

End of Year Tournament will be July 16-17, 2018.

Wednesday's Practices: Practices will be by team at an assigned park from either 5:30pm-6:45pm or 6:45pm-8:00pm. With pitchers and catchers staying an extra ½ hour after to work on those specific skills.

- 1) Weather cancellations will be posted on www.gfbaseballsoftball.com and Facebook - Search [@grandforksyouthbaseball](https://www.facebook.com/grandforksyouthbaseball).
- 2) Maximum runs in one inning will be 5. (except for the last inning)
- 3) 10 run rule is in effect after 4 innings.
- 4) No Trick Plays (including stealing home on a pitch).
- 5) Bat ALL players each game, or at least the number of players on the opposing team. Once a batting order is set a player cannot bat out of order unless an injury has occurred whereby a player is unable to bat, and his spot must be skipped. We will not count the injured player as an automatic out.
- 6) Free substitution for any position in the field. Allow players to play defense at multiple positions – especially during the first half of the year (through May)
- 7) No stealing or advancing on past balls the first 4 weeks of the season (through May 21st). Starting the week of May 29th, runners can steal and/or advance on past balls when the ball crosses home plate. Baserunners are not allowed to lead off. Try and use sparingly as we want runner to advance on hits and not just have a runner end up on 3rd by stealing.
- 8) For the first 4 weeks of the season (through May 21st), a base runner on third base may only score on a baseball play. Starting the week of May 29th, runners can score from third on passed balls as well.
 - a. **Sliding:** No head-first slides unless you are sliding back to a bag.
*Additionally, all players are **REQUIRED** to slide (feet first) when there is a **play** at home plate or will be called out for not sliding. At second and third bases, any baserunner who in the judgment of the umpire runs into or interferes with a fielder instead of sliding will be called out for interference.
 - b. **Drop Third Strike:** A catcher is not required to catch a third strike for it to be an out. The third strike swinging or not is an out whether caught by the catcher or not.
- 9) No bunting for the first four weeks of the season (through May 21st). After that bunting is allowed. However, please use sparingly as we want kids to be aggressive and confident hitters.
- 10) If a team is short a player or two the opposing team player that made the last out will play defense for the team that is short players.

General Guidelines:

- 1) We want kids to learn baseball fundamentals and have FUN doing so. Make practices fun and informative. Focus on the fundamentals but keep everyone moving throughout a practice.
- 2) Try not to run up scores on your opponent as we are trying to keep kids motivated and interested in the game.
- 3) Treat everyone (especially umpires) with respect. If you need to ask a question or if there is something you can help the umpire with – please do so discretely and in a calm manner.
- 4) Please focus on positive communication with your players (no swearing or derogatory comments). Try to put players in positions to succeed so that they can gain confidence (especially, early in the year). Have FUN!

If you have any questions about the 9-10 year old league contact Dennis Griffin at 701-314-0166