

2018 Long Beach Youth Baseball League Rules

Approved Bats - Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball

- Ref: <https://www.baberuthleague.org/latest-rule-changes/2018-rule-changes.aspx>
- Cal Ripken Division - All non-wood bats must have the USABat Marking. The Barrel Maximum is $2\frac{5}{8}$ ". No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division. For the T-Ball Division, bats must be marked with the USABat T-Ball Stamp.
- Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15 Division – All non-wood bats must have the USABat Marking or marked BBCOR .50. Bat Barrel - $2\frac{5}{8}$ ".
- Babe Ruth Baseball 16-18 Division - All non-wood bats MUST be a BBCOR .50 and no greater than a -3. Barrel - $2\frac{5}{8}$ ".

Contact Rule

- All Cal Ripken Baseball Divisions — If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this rule is to penalize the offensive team for crashing the defensive player, rather than trying to reach home plate. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgment call.
- If a runner attempting to reach home plate or another base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate or a base, he will be called out and ejected from the game.
- Cal Ripken Division – Fake Bunt – Slash Bunt – A batter is out for illegal action when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing, thus eliminating a player from fake bunting (slap-- hitting) the ball. Penalty: Batter is out, the ball is dead, no runners may advance.

Long Beach Baseball Division Specific Rules

4-5 T-Ball

- Round Robin batting every inning.
- Do not keep score or outs.
- If a player is called out he can remain on base.
- Play will consist of 3 innings or 45 minutes.
- All players take the field on defense.

5-6 T-Ball

- Every player is in batting line-up.
- 3 outs and other team bats.
- 1 hour time limit.
- If tied after 1 hour. one additional inning will be played. If the game is still tied, the game will end in a tie.
- Score will be kept for the game and it is the home teams responsibility to maintain the book and the visiting team is responsible of maintaining the scoreboard.
- Only allowed 6 runs per inning.
- One player cannot play same position consecutively, for example, John may play pitcher 1st and 3rd and 5th inning, but he cannot play pitcher 1st and 2nd or 4th and 5th inning.
- THE FIELDERS: All defensive players must be positioned farther from home plate than the back of the pitcher's circle (exceptions: pitcher and catcher). All outfielders must remain at the edge of the dirt until the ball is put into play. Penalty: The batter shall be awarded first base and all runners will be safe.
- There is only one player per position except for outfielders.
- Teams have to start teaching the players to throw and catch the ball to the appropriate base for an out. These 6 year olds need to learn to play baseball or they will not be prepared for the next level.
- COACHES: There will be three defensive coaches on the field. They cannot be on the infield (In front of the baseline). There will be three offensive coaches on the field at a time. (1st, 3rd, Home).
- DOMINATE PLAYER RULE: The defensive players cannot chase players down from positions that would not normally make a play. Ex: 1st baseman running a player down going to second or home.
- Overthrows in an attempt to make a play at first, all players can only advance one base. The only exception to this is when the defense tries to make a play at another base.
- TIME: If the pitcher has possession in the circle time will be called. The runner will be awarded the base to which side of the half way hash mark they are on. OR Time will be called if the umpire feels that all runners are stationary and not making an attempt

to run or if the lead runner is stopped from advancing. (NO MATTER WHERE THE BALL IS)

Rookie

- Every player is in batting line-up.
- 3 outs and other team bats.
- Score will be kept for the game and it is the home teams responsibility to maintain the book and the visiting team is responsible of maintaining the scoreboard.
- 1 hour 15 min time limit.
- Only allowed 6 runs per inning.
- International tie breaker rules applies for one inning if the game is tied after time has expired. If after one inning and the game is still tied, the game will end in a tie.
- Overthrow's in an attempt to make a play, all players can only advance one base. The only exception to this is when the defense tries to make a play at another base.
- Stealing will be allowed from 2nd to 3rd only, on a pass ball and or dropped ball. A dropped ball is defined as a ball that could have been caught by the catcher but dropped. It is the umpires decision as to whether or not the advanced runner has to go back to the original base.
- A player may advance from third to home on a thrown ball from the catcher to third base during an attempted steal from second to third. The ball is considered live until the umpire calls time.
- A ball the umpire calls no pitch cannot be advanced on.
- Cannot steal home, NO EXCEPTIONS (ref to rule 9).
- Two pitchers will be allowed.
- All remaining players may play in the outfield.
- Machine will be set at 38--42 MPH
- No bunting.
- 5 pitches per batter or 3 strikes
- Run rule 10 after 4 and 8 after 5

Minor/Major

- Only allowed 6 runs per inning.
- International tie breaker rules applies for one inning if the game is tied after time has expired. If after one inning and the game is still tied, the game will end in a tie.
- Run rule 10 after 4 and 8 after 5.
- Every player is in batting line--up.
- Each player has to play two innings.
- Home team keeps book.
- Visitor team runs score board.
- Minor league time limit 1 hr 20 min.
- Major league time limit 1 hr 30 min.
- Pitchers are limited to six innings per week; The week is defined as Sunday thru Saturday.

- Minor Division cannot lead off nor steal a base until the catcher has possession of the ball, if the runner leaves early he is to return to his original base. The umpire has the final say as to whether the base stolen was legal.
- Major Division can lead off and steal bases as defined in normal baseball rules.