



# Revere

## Youth

### Baseball and Softball

2017 Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth  
Rule Book

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## GOVERNING BODY

This guide is provided as a common framework on Revere Youth Baseball and Softball program rules of play. The RYBS Board of Directors retains final decision making authority for all matters pertaining to the program and may rule on issues and provide remedies not described in this document. Decisions by the Board of Directors are final.

## PURPOSE OF RYBS

1. Foster the physical, mental, emotional growth of the youth of the community.
2. Develop an understanding and appreciation of sportsmanship and fair play.
3. Encourage citizenship and academic achievement.
4. Teach the fundamentals of baseball and softball through qualified supervisors.
5. Provide worthwhile recreational activities to youths that may otherwise be denied the opportunity to participate in an organized baseball or softball program.
6. Promote a spirit of self-reliance along with the spirit of teamwork.

## MANAGING CONFLICT

Common sense and courtesy will prevent most conflicts, but situations that cannot be resolved on site should be referred to the Board of Directors.

Refer to the following principles while resolving conflict:

Foster the physical, mental, emotional growth of the youth of the community

Develop an understanding and appreciation of sportsmanship and fair play

The league is for kids to **PLAY** baseball and softball. RYBS decisions will be resolved in a manner that require player safety and are biased towards player involvement and fun.

Aggressive, threatening and overly emotional behavior will not be tolerated. The mental and physical well-being of our players is our primary concern.

Player safety is our most important concern. In an emergency situation, the umpire has discretion to stop a play or game.

## **\*RYBS Local Rules supersede Cal Ripken Rules.**

### **Game Conduct**

Players are expected to arrive on time for pregame workouts and conduct themselves during the game in an acceptable manner. It is a team's responsibility to promote good sportsmanship and fair play. Following are simple rules for players to follow throughout the season:

- Play for the fun of playing, not just to please your parents.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with or complain about umpire's calls or decisions.
- Control your temper and resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
- Concentrate on playing baseball and on affecting the outcome of the game with your best effort.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your team or your opponent's.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your manager, coaches, teammates, opponents and umpires.
- Food and gum are not allowed in the dugouts, although sunflower seeds are permitted.  
**No Peanuts/Peanut Butter allowed in dugouts**
- Clean up dugout and dugout area after every game.

Managers and Coaches are expected to act in the best interest of the players, team, league and:

- Should speak to players in a positive and instructive manner.
- Should speak to other coaches and umpires in a calm and respectful manner.
- Should follow rules, guidelines and procedures during games and practices.
  - Should show "Good Sportsmanship" during games and practices.
- Shall assist umpires and league officials maintain order with parents and players.
- Shall practice on a regular basis.
- Should be familiar with RYBS and Cal Ripken Rules.

Parents, spectators, family, friends and guests are expected to act in the best interest of players, team and league:

- Should never touch, threaten, insult, harass, badger any player, coach, manager, league official, umpire or spectator. If a parent has a concern, he or she should wait until completion of the game or practice and discuss the matter in a civil and constructive manner or communicate the issue with a league official.
- Shall get their child to all games and practices on a regular basis and on time. On time means 15 minutes before a schedule game.

## **RYBS adopts a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding proper conduct.**

Any player, manager, coach, parent or spectator whose conduct is not consistent with these guidelines may be cautioned by the umpire-in-chief or other League official. Foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited. If an individual is unable to refrain from using foul language or making derogatory remarks to any player, manager, coach, or umpire, the umpire-in-chief or other League official may suspend the game until that individual leaves Saint Mary’s Fields or other playing area. If the individual refuses to leave Saint Mary’s Fields or other playing area, the umpire may discontinue the game and the police will be called for assistance. If the disruptive individual is a manager, coach or player, additional sanctions will likely occur depending on the circumstances.

## **Ejection Protocol**

Each umpire or league official has the power and authority to eject players, managers, coaches and spectators from the game and or Saint Mary’s Fields or other playing area. Any board member or league official, who is acting as a manager or coach during a game, which there is an incident regarding ejection must defer to another league official for the ejection.

## **Players**

If a player is ejected, the player shall immediately leave the playing area (field, dugout, bullpen etc.) before play continues, but may become a silent spectator in the stands. In addition, the player is expected to attend subsequent practices for behavior modification counseling. The player shall NOT participate in the next scheduled game, but may watch the game from the stands, but may not wear the team uniform.

## **Manager/Coach**

When a manager or coach is ejected, that individual shall IMMEDIATELY leave Saint Mary's Fields or other playing area. In addition, that individual shall have NO CONTACT with the team and shall be PROHIBITED from Saint Mary's Field or other playing field until the day AFTER the completion of the next scheduled team game.

## **Parents/Spectators**

Other ejected individuals shall immediately leave Saint Mary's Fields or other playing area. Refusal to do so may result in the Umpires "calling" the game and other sanctions being assessed on the team associated with that individual.

## **Other Disciplinary Action**

The Board feels strongly that proper field decorum is an important element of the Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Girls Softball experience. For example, ejected individuals who do not "go quietly" once ejected can expect additional sanctions. All ejections will be reviewed by the RYBS board.

Note: Any player, manager or coach who is ejected or otherwise suspended three times in a season, will have their association with Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League terminated.

The Board will have the final decision on penalties, suspensions, and expulsions from the league.

# Coaching Staff CORI Checks & Certification

All managers and assistant coaches will be subject to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks. No coaches, volunteers, or parents will be allowed on the fields or in the dugouts during games unless they have passed a CORI check. (excl. T-Ball)

All managers and coaches will be required to have Babe Ruth coaching certification in order to manage/coach any team in the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League.

Prior to the start of the season all managers will be required to submit their team staff along with each coach's certification.

This is a Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League requirement there will be NO exceptions.

For coach certification info visit our website at ([www.rybs.org](http://www.rybs.org)) or go to [www.baberuthcoach.org](http://www.baberuthcoach.org)

# Dugout Personnel

**There will be a maximum of 4 coaching staff personnel in the dugout or playing field during all games.**

A manager, coach or acting manager is allowed a maximum of three other people in the dugout including coaches and scorekeepers. Only one of these allowable people can be a league player. The umpires will enforce this rule. Failure to comply with the umpire's request to adhere to this rule will result in forfeiture by the non-conforming team. This rule cannot be overridden by approval of the managers or coaches of the playing teams. Batboys under league age will not be considered as one of the four allowable people.

All managers will be held responsible for any and all dugout personnel and cleaning up dugout after each game.

The home team is responsible for assigning a person to operate the scoreboard. Every game must have a scoreboard operator for the benefit of the family, friends and spectators in the stands.

The Manager or acting Manager should be the person interacting with the umpires.

Managers and coaches should assist in controlling disruptive parents, players or coaches.

# Cell phone usage

No Player, Coach, Manager or Umpire shall use a cell phone on the field during games.



# RYBS Ground Rules

Umpires shall conduct a ground rules meeting with managers prior to the start of each game. Team rosters should be exchanged prior to this meeting. Umpires shall discuss field obstructions, review any rules of the game that may be needed and remind coaches of proper conduct throughout the game.

The umpires shall remind the home team that they are responsible for the scoreboard operation.

Managers must disclose pitchers eligibility or ineligibility prior to the start of the game. Ie: Johnny pitched 6 last game so he has no innings or Mike pitched 3 last game so he has 3 available today etc.

Managers must also disclose if their team has any up and downers and where they are listed in the lineup. All up and downers must be added to the bottom of the lineup. All up and downers must wear their own teams uniform.

At the end of each game innings pitched must be documented in each team's book.

Game scores must be updated onto the RYBS website by the winning team or via email/text message to the League Coordinator.

Any hit ball striking the light wires hanging over left field is still in play. The wires are played as walls. Any ball caught after striking the wires is alive and still in play.

Any ball striking the light poles or wires behind the outfield fence on a fly that bounces back in the playing field is a homerun.

All runners shall be awarded one base on pitched ball rolling through any hole in the fence or open gate.

# General League Play Rules

## Games

No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled start of a game. The umpire must call last inning at his or hers discretion. The status of the game shall continue regardless of the inning played. Games interrupted by rain, etc. will be adjusted with the discretion of the umpire.

Major, AAA, Minor League Baseball and Softball –will play 6 inning games. 4 innings constitutes an official game if the ten run rule is applied. (3 1/2 if home team is leading)

The home plate umpire must wait at least 15 minutes before calling a game due to rain. It will be the umpire's duty to inform both managers of the exact starting time of the game and time of rain delays. The home plate umpire's watch will be the official time.

Exception: The 1 hour and 45 minute time limit does not apply to Major or Minor playoff games. If a game is called, the game will restart at the point of discontinuance. Six innings must be completed in all Major League playoff games with the exception of the 10 run rule.

The umpire will allow a minimum of 10 minutes in between games, regardless of starting time, to allow teams to warm up for their game.

**Managers must have rosters prepared and ready at the start time of the game.**

## Ten Run Rule

If a losing team has batted at least 4 times and there is a ten or more run differential the game is officially over. In all cases, if the home team is losing by ten or more runs they must bat in the bottom of the inning that resulted in the 10 runs being exceeded.

## Six Run Rule

This rule applies to AAA, Minor League baseball and Major league softball regular season. This rule also applies to Minor league playoff games.

A team's at bat will end when the team has scored six runs regardless of the number of outs in any given inning. This rule will not apply in the last inning of a game.

## Innings Played

All players in Major, AAA, and Minor leagues must play 6 defensive outs and have 1 at bat. If a player, because of the length of the game, does not meet the minimum playing requirements that player must start in the next game played. When 10 or more players are listed on a game roster an extra hitter (EH) must be used in the batting order. The extra hitter must rotate into the field so he can receive his 6 defensive outs. Free substitution is allowed in all baseball divisions.

Exceptions:

1. Unruly or inappropriate behavior by a player during a game, practice or on ball field property.
2. Failure to show up for games or practices.
3. The above must be communicated to a league official.

The above referenced infractions may result in a player being "benched" or suspended for 1 or more games. If a player is brought to the Board of Directors by a Manager, the parent of the child will be given a written warning notice stating the infraction. The warning notice will be signed by the parent of the child and the President or Vice President of the League.

# Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike

## RULE:

For Major League Baseball only, an uncaught third strike (a dropped third strike) occurs when the catcher fails to cleanly catch a pitch for the third strike. A pitch is considered uncaught if the ball touches the ground before being caught (a bouncing ball), or if the ball is dropped after being grasped.

On an uncaught third strike with no runner on first base or with two outs, the batter immediately becomes a runner. The strike is called, but the umpire does not call the batter out. The batter may then attempt to reach first base and must be tagged or forced out. With two outs and the bases loaded, the catcher who fails to catch the third strike may, upon picking up the ball, step on home plate for a force-out or make a throw to any other fielder.

An uncaught third strike with a runner on first, the batter is called out and cannot advance to first.

A batter who does not realize his situation on a third strike not caught, and who is not in the process of running to first base, shall be declared out once he leaves the batters' box area towards the dugout.

# Pitching

Players can pitch no more than 6 innings in 2 consecutive games combined. After a player pitches 6 innings, the player must be removed from the pitchers position. No extra innings may be pitched. One pitch thrown constitutes one inning.

Any player who is an up and down player is not eligible to pitch in a Major, AAA or Minor League game. Any team that does not abide by these rules will result in forfeit of the game by the offending team.

The **starting or relief** pitcher can reenter a game as a pitcher providing that he is removed on the first trip to the mound or is removed at the completion of an inning.

Exceptions to this rule:

1. Playoffs – 8 innings in one game.
2. In the playoffs, if a pitcher pitches the last game of one series, the player is allowed to pitch the next game of the following series.
3. If a player pitches 6 innings in game one of the playoffs, he/she does not have any innings available to him/her unless a game three is needed. If the pitcher pitches only four(4) innings in game one, then he/she has 2 innings available to pitch in game2 then 4 innings available in game 3 (if needed) for that current series.
4. Extra innings will be for the starting pitcher. He/she may go up to 8 innings in that game.
5. Should any of these divisions go up to the 2 hour time limit during the regular season, it will be an official game. 3 1/2 innings is an official game (providing the home team is winning).
6. If a game is stopped, during the regular season only, for any reason such as weather or a power failure before they reach the official innings, the game will be played over and pitching will not be on record for that game.
7. If a game is stopped in any inning due to the weather or power failure during a playoff game, the game will pick up where it was stopped and the pitchers will be on record as the lineups and score.

Managers and coaches shall be allowed to warm up pitchers before the game and between innings during the game. All players who warm up a pitcher **MUST** wear a catcher's mask.

All teams are allowed to use the bullpen prior to and during a game. The team whose pitcher will be entering the game first will take precedence. There is a

**NO BALK RULE**

## Trips to the Mound

This rule limits the number of trips a manager, acting manager, coach, acting coach, or catcher may make to any one pitcher in any one inning.

A second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause the pitcher to be removed from the mound. A trip is defined as, intent to go to the mound to speak to the pitcher and enters into the playing field. Stepping up to the foul line to give direction to the pitcher can be considered a trip to the mound; this will be up to the umpire's discretion.

The mound shall mean the entire pitching circle and not just the pitching rubber.

## RYBS Slide Rules

Contact Rule: All runners shall **slide to avoid contact** on all tag plays or force plays. Penalty: Runner is out.

- a. There shall be no penalty for incidental contact. (this is the umpire's discretion)
- b. There shall be no penalty if there is no contact.
- c. Runner will be ejected if the umpire rules the contact was malicious or with intent to dislodge the ball.

No head first slide unless returning to a base.

A catcher cannot block the plate or base path on an uncontested play or without possession of the ball.

## Courtesy Runner

The league shall allow a courtesy runner in the event of injury only. This shall be done within the re-entry rule. The designated "courtesy runner" will be the batter who has made the last out.

## Lineups

All lineups must be submitted to both the opposing team prior to the start of the game. The lineup shall include starting players and substitutes, including player's names and number.

## No Slashing

Players may not show bunt during the pitch to draw fielders in and then swing away at the ball. The pitcher does not need to be in his windup for this to be valid. The first offense is an out; a repeat offense will result in ejection from the game.

## Hidden Ball Trick

The hidden ball trick will NOT be allowed in league play. This determination will be made by the home plate umpire and will be final.

## Practice Schedules

Manager and coaches are expected to have practices and players are expected to participate in practices.

Pre-Season:

Practices will be scheduled throughout the available fields in the City of Revere.

In-Season:

All divisions will have practices scheduled throughout the available fields in the City Of Revere.

Please coordinate additional practice needs with a RYBS Board member.

“Off-Season” Practice are not mandatory and are NOT official RYBS events and are NOT covered by RYBS insurance.

## Player Ejected from Game

If a player is ejected from a game, the team may replace that player in the lineup with another eligible player. The Board, at its discretion, may impose disciplinary actions to the player ejected from the game. Refer to “Ejection Protocol” in this rulebook.

## Home Team

Check schedules for Home team determinations. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> game is played between 2 teams, a coin flip will be used to determine Home team. Dugouts will be labeled Home and Visitors.

## Selection of Managers

The President has the authority to select team managers. Removal of a manager for disciplinary reasons shall be performed by the President with the approval of the Board. A manager or coach that is dismissed will not be allowed to participate in any capacity within the league. A dismissed manager or coach has the right to an appeal, which will be heard by the Board of Directors.



## T-ball Division

T-ball will consist of players, boys and girls, ranging in ages 4-6. Each team will have a minimum of 9 players and a max of 15. T ball is to introduce the game of baseball in a fun, learning environment. Fundamentals should be taught to the players. No score is kept and no team wins or loses at the end of each game.

A coach is the only person allowed to pitch to a t-ball player.

Players will be rotated through the defensive positions each inning.

A continuous batting order will be used.

A team's offensive inning will be ended after all batters have bated through the lineup

They will be a maximum of eight pitches allowed per batter. A t-ball player will either put the ball in play or can be assisted by a coach only in helping the player make contact with the ball by assisting with their swing.

# Minor League Baseball Division

Minor League baseball will consist of players ranging in ages 7-9. Each team will have a minimum of 9 players and a max of 15. Games are scored and winners are declared. Playoffs will be played at the end of each season.

All teams make the playoffs.

The (6) Six run rule will apply.

The (10) Ten run rule will apply.

**\*A straight through batting order must be used. All players must be in the batting lineup during the regular season.**

All RYBS pitching rules apply to minor league baseball.

Every player must play (9) nine defensive outs in a game.

Free substitution is allowed.

Any player who does meet the minimum playing requirements due the game ending by the ten run rule must start the next game.

If a game is fully played to six innings and a rostered player does not meet the minimum game requirements the game will result in a forfeit for offending team.

Minor league steal rules:

Only 3 steals per inning, per team is allowed and cannot be carried over to the next inning. Stealing home is allowed and counts towards the 3 steal per inning limit. The catcher has a “No risk or pressure” throw to second or third base, which means a base stealer cannot advance on a throw or overthrow by the catcher. Ball is considered dead on any attempt to throw the ball back to the pitcher from any field position.

\*There are no delayed steals. If the runner starts running down the line, they are in the process of stealing.

\*A pickoff attempt is a “live ball” and runners may advance without use of a steal.

## AAA League Baseball Division

AAA League baseball will consist of players ranging in ages 9-12. Each team will have a minimum of 9 players and a max of 15. Games are scored and winners are declared. Playoffs will be played at the end of each season.

**Straight through batting order is required.** All players who arrive on-time for the game will be inserted into the batting lineup. Players who do not play for any other team should be given priority in playing time over those who are playing up or down.

All teams make the playoffs.

AAA league follow all of the same rules which apply to the Major league baseball division with following exceptions:

AAA will follow the (6) six run rule.

No Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike

AAA teams will be re-drafted each season.

# Major League Baseball Division

Major League baseball will consist of players ranging in ages 10-12. Each team will have a minimum of 9 players and a max of 15. Games are scored and winners are declared. Playoffs will be played at the end of each season.

All teams make the playoffs. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will receive a first round bye.

The (10) ten run rule will apply.

Players can steal all bases.

Players can steal home.

All league pitching rules apply.

Every player must play a minimum of 1 at bat and (6) six defensive outs in a game.

Free substitution is allowed.

A continuous batting order will be used with a +1 system. I.e. If Team A has 9 players on their roster Team B must bat at least 10 in their lineup if available.

If a player is listed in the lineup at the start of the game and is not present for their at bat the batter shall be considered out. If a player is listed as a substitute at the start of the game, due to the player not being present, that player shall be entered at the bottom of the lineup when he arrives. The player must arrive by the start of the 3rd inning to be eligible to play.

If a player is injured during the course of the game and is unable to take an at bat that roster spot shall be skipped in the lineup with no penalty. If a player is not present for their at bat for any other reason, i.e. left game, restroom, illness, the at bat will be recorded as an out.

## Minor League Softball

Girls minor (junior) league softball will consist of girls ranging in age of 7-9. Each team will consist of a minimum of 9 players and a max of 15.

A maximum of 10 players should be on the field at one time. Infielders and outfielders should be used if enough players are available. Outfielders can be on the edge of the grass. Players will be rotated through the defensive positions each inning. A continuous batting order will be used. A team's offensive inning will be ended after whichever occurs first. Either 3 outs or once everyone bats once. If a player strikes out or is called out at a base, that player should go to the dugout. No stealing of bases is allowed.

After a Junior Softball pitcher throws 4 balls to a single batter before a strike out or ball being put into play occurs, a coach will become the pitcher and throw a maximum of 6 pitches before the batter strikes out, walks or puts the ball in play. No score is kept nor standings. There are no playoffs.

## Major League Softball

Major League softball will consist of players ranging in ages 10-12. Each team will have a minimum of 9 players and a max of 15. Games are scored and winners are declared. Playoffs will be played at the end of each season.

Extra defensive player must play on the outfield grass and can only move into the infield once the ball is put into play.

The (10) ten run rule will apply.

The (6) six run rule will apply.

Players can steal all bases.

Players can steal home.

Continuous Batting order is used:

During a regular season Girls Major Softball game all player must be listed in the batting order and bat. If a player gets hurt during the course of the game and cannot bat, her place in the lineup may be skipped without an out being recorded. She may reenter the game and bat in her original place in the lineup.

\*There are no delayed steals of home

## Babe Ruth Baseball Ages 13-15

Refer to the Babe Ruth Baseball rulebook for all rules pertaining to this division.

## Babe Ruth Girls Softball Ages 13-16

Refer to the Babe Ruth Softball rulebook for all rules pertaining to this division.

## RYBS Up and Down Player Rules

1. Major league teams may bring up a AAA league player or players when they are unable to field 9 or 10 players. Players must be brought up with the player representative's approval. Minor league players are NOT eligible to play up to a Major league game.
2. AAA league teams may bring up a Minor player or players when they are unable to field 9 or 10 players. A minor league player must have a league age of 9 years old to play in a AAA league game. Players must be brought up with the player representative's approval.
3. Minor league teams may bring up a T-ball player or players when they are unable to field 9 or 10 players. A T-ball player must have a league age of 7 to play in a minor league game. Players must be brought up the player representative's approval

4. In all leagues the penalty for using an illegal player is a forfeit of the game.
5. If a team is going to use an up and down player for more than one game the player representative must be notified and agree to allow the player to play in more than one game.
6. All up and down players are not the property of the team they are playing for and must enter the draft system at the end of the season.
7. All up and down players are allowed at least 1 at bat and 6 defensive outs, if with the addition of this player, the team's number of players surpasses 9, the up and down player must be played as the extra player. As an 11<sup>th</sup> player he or she will be allowed 1 at bat and 6 defensive outs. All roster players must start and have precedence over up and down players. The up and down player should be added to the end of the batting order. Any team to be found in violation of this rule shall forfeit the game in question. This rule will be strictly enforced.
8. Up and down players, due to unforeseen circumstances, may play without being in full uniform. And in case of a potential forfeit, you can use a "Live Body" who is registered in the respective softball league or baseball league.
9. Up and down players for softball must be league age of 8. All other rules apply.
10. No up and down player may pitch at any time in a Major, AAA or Minor league game.
11. Only undrafted players who tried out are eligible to become permanent up and downers.

## RYBS Protest Rule

1. It is the responsibility of a manager or coach of the protesting team to state their protest prior to the next pitch after the protested incident. The manager must have the umpire sign the book at the completion of the game in protest. The protesting manager or coach must present a written protest to a Board Member by the next calendar day. All Board Members must be notified of the protest meeting. For playoff games, a protest committee of three Board Members will be present at the game to decide any protests at the time of play.
2. No Board Member can vote on a protest involving a team he/she is coaching or a team he has a child playing for.
3. All rulings of the Board on protests are FINAL.
4. No Board Member can sit on a protest involving his own division during the regular season and if he has a team in the playoffs.

## Field Conditions

Safety is always the primary concern in determining if the fields are playable. During time of rain or flooding the league President, or if unavailable, the league Vice President will determine if the fields are playable. In the event of unplayable fields, they will notify the Umpire in Chief, League Coordinators and the person running the concession stand. It is the responsibility of the Coordinators to contact all coaches affected by the cancellation. It is then the responsibility of the coaches to contact the players about the cancellation. All cancelled games will be posted on the league website ([www.revereyouthbaseball.com](http://www.revereyouthbaseball.com)).

**No manager (s) will cancel any game.** If they do so, games will be forfeited and managers will be subjected to disciplinary action.



## Point System for Standings

1. There will be a point system for wins and ties in the league, 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. There will no tie games made up at any time; the team will be awarded 1 point for the tie. However, if the game is within the 2-hour time limit during the regular season extra innings can be played to decide the game. The umpire for that game will enforce the time limit.
2. There are no tie games in the playoffs and teams are allowed to play extra innings to decide the game, there is no 2-hour time limit in Major League or Minor League playoff games. There is a ten run rule.
3. When 2 teams are tied for a spot in the standings the team with the most points will be awarded the higher seed in the standings.
4. If the teams are still after total points, head to head play, the team with the best total run ratio against the other team shall be awarded the higher standing spot.  
If the 3<sup>rd</sup> option does not split the teams, then there will be a game between the 2 teams to determine their position in the standings.
5. All forfeits count as a 6-0 score.

# Playoffs

- Best overall record in the respective division has home team advantage in first and third game.

## Minor League Baseball

All teams make the playoffs.

**There are no byes for 2017.**

**First two rounds are single elimination.**

**Semi Finals and Finals are best 2 out of 3.**

**Pitching re-sets after each series.**

Six run rule applies.

Ten run rule applies.

No time limit. A minimum of 4 innings must be played for a complete game.

## AAA League Baseball

All teams make the playoffs.

Six run rule applies.

Ten run rule applies.

No time limit. A minimum of 4 innings must be played for a complete game.

## Major League Baseball

All teams make the playoffs.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams receive a bye for the first playoff round.

Ten run rule applies.

No time limit.

6 innings must be played.

## Major League Softball

All teams make the playoffs.

No six run rule.

Ten run rule applies.

No time limit

During a Girls Major League playoff game a continuous batting order can be used up to the number of girls that are available to have an equal number of girls bat per team. This is an **OPTION**, not a **REQUIREMENT**.

Example: Team A shows up with 9 player and team B shows up with 12 players. Team B can choose to only bat 9 places in the order. Under either option: All girls must get a minimum of one at bat.

## Forfeits

A forfeit shall be declared if a team does not have 9 players within 15 minutes of the **scheduled** start time of a game or by a rule violation. Managers or coaches cannot override this rule. All forfeits must be reported to the Board by the forfeiting team within 24 hours. Practice games may be played during these times. Please note, a game can **FINISH** with less than 9 players.

## All-Star Teams

All-Star Team Managers will be selected by the League President with input from Board Members. All Star team staff and players will be selected the by All Star Manager with final approval of the League President.

A player may only be selected to an All-Star Team if he or she has participated in at least 75% of his or her RYBS team's games to date. A game is defined as a "Complete" game.

## Try Outs

All eligible players MUST try out for their respective leagues.

Any T-Ball player who will have a league age of 7 for the upcoming season must try out for the Minor League Draft.

Any Minor League player who will have a league age of 10 for the upcoming season must try out for the Major/AAA League Draft.

Any eligible player who does not tryout for their respective league will not be allowed to return to their previous team. The player will reenter the draft for their current league. If a player attends try outs and is not drafted that player will return to his/her previous Minor League team. If a player is unable to attend the tryout, the President must be made aware before the tryouts for the player to be eligible for the draft. The President will determine what round the player will be drafted.

## Protection Rule

Only the manager's children can be protected. The President will decide what round the player will be drafted. All other protections are subject to board approval.

## Brother/Sister Rule

This rule applies to Majors, AAA, Minors, and Softball divisions.

Any team who will have a regular roster player on their roster for the upcoming season who has a sibling available for the draft will automatically have the sibling

placed on the team. The only exception to the rule applies to a parent's desire to not have the sibling playing on the same team.

A committee of 3 people will rate which round the sibling must be taken in.

President

Vice President

Division Coordinator

The parent or Manager will contact the Division Coordinator in this rule 2 weeks before the Major, Minor or Softball tryouts. The child's parent(s) will be offered the opportunity to have their child play on different teams if they desire. If the parent opts for separate teams, they must inform the division coordinator in writing of their decision 1 week before the appropriate draft. Should a parent choose this option, their child will enter the draft available to all other teams excluding the team that has their sibling on their roster.

Once the rosters are complete the matter becomes closed to future changes without exception.

## Draft

Any player refusing to play for the team drafting him or her cannot play for any other team in RYBS League.

Teams will draft in reverse order of finish in the standings. Forfeit games will be considered as wins in draft positions. Championship Team will draft last in the draft order, the runner up team will draft second to last. If needed supplemental drafts will be conducted. Supplemental selection order will be determined randomly by team names being drawn out of a hat.

All teams will be made aware of protected players. Notification of all protected players must be submitted in writing one week prior to tryouts by team. Failure to adhere to this policy may jeopardize the status of the protected player.

# Changing Teams

It is the policy of the League to not change teams once players are in place.

If a parent requests a child changes from one team to another the following must occur for consideration:

1. The managers must agree to the change.
2. The parents and the managers must appear before the Board to state all reasons for the change request.
3. The Board will have the final decision for the change.

If the change is disallowed, the player must play for the team he/she has been drafted or previously playing for. Refusal will disqualify the player from the League.

# Rules Committee

All league rules shall be decided upon and reviewed by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will consist of:

Minimum of 3 sitting board members

Two (2) coaches from the Softball Division

Two (2) coaches from the Baseball Division (1 minor, 1major coach preferred)

# **R.Y.B.S. Babe Ruth Code of Conduct :**

## **Taunting:**

Taunting, either as an active team member or as a spectator, at a sporting event is forbidden and may lead to suspension or elimination from the team.

## **Honesty and Integrity:**

Honesty is expected at all times. Stealing and lying will not be tolerated and, subject to due process, will result in immediate dismissal from the team. Any individual who is found in possession of another individual's personal property will forfeit their privilege to participate on any RYBS BabeRuth team for at least one full year.

## **Representation:**

Players are considered representatives of the league at all practices and contests and events. Players will conduct themselves properly when traveling as they represent the community, league and team. Profanity will be discouraged.

## **Respecting the Spirit of the Game:**

Players will realize that officials do not lose a game, but are there for the purpose of insuring the game they are playing is a fair and safe contest for all participants. The officials will be shown courteous respect at all times. Players will also not employ illegal tactics to gain an advantage.

## **Respect for the Coaching Staff:**

Players will understand that their coaches have their best interests in mind as they plan and guide the athletic team. They will obey the specific rules of the coach.

## **Respect for RYBS Property and grounds:**

Players will understand that damage to the RYBS property, grounds, or league equipment will result in immediate suspension from the team. The length of such suspension will depend on the severity of the damage as determined by the league and Coach.

## **FINAL MESSAGE TO ALL COACHES, PLAYERS, SPECTATORS AND PARENTS:**

We urge you to support RYBS League by:

- Attending sporting events.
- Lending positive support to our teams and coaches.
- Encouraging all players without regard to their role on the team.
- Helping other spectators and parents to maintain an appropriate sportsmanlike attitude.
- Showing respect for the authority of the game officials.
- Enjoying the RYBS Babe Ruth experience.