

MYAA Baseball

2007 1st Grade Baseball

General Overview

Welcome to 1st Grade Cal Ripken Baseball. The objective of this league is to provide the player with a smooth transition from T-Ball to baseball.

The following provides a general overview on how the 1st Grade program is run. Please note that this is not inclusive of all the rules that are provided to your Head Coach.

General Information

- **Please read carefully:** Teams will be broken down by development then school. *We cannot accommodate "special requests" to play with certain players or coaches.* **Teams will be final once they are given to the coaches to contact the players.**
- Teams will have a minimum of three baseball events per week. Each team will be scheduled to have two games (Monday – Saturday) and one practice per week.
- The weeknights and times on Saturday will vary throughout the season (i.e., you will not be scheduled to play on every Monday throughout the season).
- Should we have inclement weather please check www.myaabaseball.com to see if the fields will be closed. Rainouts may be rescheduled depending on field availability.

Playing the game

- Most games will be played on fields 4 & 5, which are located in the Girls Softball Complex on Hartford Road. However, some Friday Night and Saturday games may be scheduled in the main Baseball Complex, which is located in Church Road across from Lenape High School.
- Games will be 5 innings and will not exceed one hour and 45 minutes. Games can end in a tie.
- At one hour and 45 minutes, a game will be considered complete at 3.5 innings (if the home team is ahead) or 4 innings have been completed.
- Each team will have three outs per inning.
- There will be a 5 run per inning limit excluding the 5th inning, which is unlimited.
- We will keep score and the standings will be posted on www.myaabaseball.com.
- At the end of the year, there will be single elimination playoffs that all teams make. This will begin the week after the final regular season games. Teams will be seeded based on their win-lose-tie record.

Hitting

- All players will be placed in the batting order and will hit in their assigned spot regardless if they are playing in the field that inning.
- **Players will hit from a pitching machine** (*new for 2007*).
- Each player will be given five good or "hit-able" pitches. The umpire will determine if the pitch was "hit-able".
- If, after five "hit-able" pitches, the player does not get a hit then they are out.
- There are no walks.
- Players can only advance one base on an overthrow.
- Players must wear helmets with earflap protection while at bat, on base and in the batter box. If a player is not on base, at bat, or on deck, they must be in the dugout.
- Coaches will be stationed at first and third.

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Playing the field:

- Teams will field 10 players that will include a fourth outfielder.
- Teams will use a catcher who is required to wear the proper equipment.
- One coach will be stationed in the infield and one in the outfield.
- Players will not sit on the bench more than one consecutive inning while their team is playing defense.

Baseball goals of the program:

- Players should come out of this program with instruction and continued development on the following offensive skills:
 - The use of the batter's box, proper stance, and fundamentals of the swing
 - Improved concept of hitting then running
 - Proper base running
- Players should come out of this program with instruction and continued development on the following defensive skills:
 - The proper fielder's stance
 - The proper catching technique
 - The proper throwing technique
 - Better understanding of defensive situations