

# MYAA Baseball

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Baseball

### General Overview

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Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Cal Ripken Baseball. The objective of this league is to provide the player with a smooth transition from 1<sup>st</sup> grade into a more formal baseball structure. This is also the first year that the players will be introduced to player pitch.

The following provides a general overview on how the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 drafted. Teams will be final once the draft is complete.** At this age, teams will no longer be broken down by development and school. Please do not ask for special requests (i.e. to be with a certain coach or player).
- 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](http://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. If the game is in mid inning after 1:45, the score will revert to that of the end of the last full inning.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> inning, which is unlimited.
- We will keep score and the standings will be posted on [www.myaabaseball.com](http://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

- Pitchers will pitch from 46 feet.
- 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.
- Player are given 5 balls and 3 strikes.
- Players can only advance one base on an overthrow.
- There will be no leading or stealing.
- 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.

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Playing the field:

- Teams will field **9** players in the field.
- 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:
  - Understanding offensive strategy
  - Identifying balls and strikes
  - Continued focus of the proper batting stance and fundamentals of the swing
  - Continued improvement of base running skills
- Players should come out of this program with continued development on the following defensive skills:
  - Understanding defensive situation
  - Continued development of fielder's stance, catching technique and throwing technique