

2011 - MYAA BASEBALL- 3rd & 4th Grade Division Overview

The goal of this league and all MYAA Baseball is for all players, regardless of skill level, to enjoy baseball and develop their skills through practice and the playing of games. All rules established for this league are based upon this premise.

LOGISTICS

This age group will follow Cal Ripken Little League Baseball rules. Cal Ripken Baseball allows 10 teams to participate in a division, if necessary 2 competitive divisions referred to the National and American leagues will be created. Teams will be formed by a draft based upon evaluations from the prior MYAA Baseball season by each player's prior coaching staff. Coaches will be carefully evaluated based on experience; all coaching applicants will complete a coaching application and be chosen by the MYAA baseball board. A head coach may select 1 assistant before the draft; additional coaches will be selected once the team roster is established. Coaches are required to have weekly practices; there should be 3 baseball events each week throughout the season, i.e. 2 games and 1 practice. All coaches must complete the Rutgers Safety Clinic and a background check by the Township. These documents must be worn by all coaches in the lanyard supplied by the Rec Department during all MYAA baseball games and practices.

RULES SUMMARY

- 6 inning games. An inning may not begin after the 1 hour 45 minute time allowance. Once an inning has begun the game is played until the completion of that inning.
- The calendar week for Cal Ripken baseball is Monday through and including Sunday.
- Free unlimited substitutions. All players bat in order as assigned by the coach.
- Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game. 1 pitch constitutes an inning. Innings must be consecutive. A maximum of 6 innings can be pitched in any calendar week as defined above.
- A minimum of 2 catchers must be utilized during a game and no catcher may catch more than 4 innings in a six inning game. 3 innings in a 5 inning game.
- Stealing is permitted but no leading until the pitch has crossed home plate. The Baseball Board may temporarily suspend this rule at the beginning of a season to allow pitchers and catchers to develop without the distraction of stealing.
- Stealing of home is not allowed. A runner may only score from 3rd on a batted ball or being forced home by a walk.
- One base advance on overthrows into foul territory. Unlimited advance on overthrows in fair territory. A runner may not score from 3rd on an overthrow trying to pick off or catch a runner.
- No coaches permitted on the field during the game.
- 2 visits to the mound by a coach, the pitcher must be removed.
- 5 run maximum per inning, with the exception of the 6th inning. A ten run lead after the completion of 5 innings constitutes a win.
- Playing Time: Players may not sit on the bench more than 1 consecutive inning while their team is playing the field unless they are physically unable to play. If a player is physically unable to play, the coach of the other team must be informed. All players must play a minimum of 4 innings in the field in each 6 inning game. 3 innings in a 5 inning game.
- The umpire has the final say and is always right.
- Players are required to slide or veer to avoid collisions at ALL TIMES.
- Safety equipment, including cups is mandatory.

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