

# Meridian Youth Baseball | Cal Ripken AAA Majors & AAA Minors Rules

**Follow the Cal Ripken Rule Book with the following exceptions:**

## Game Play

- League Age 10, 11, 12.
- League will provide home plate umpires.
- Home team will provide volunteer field umpires.
- Pitching rubber is 50'-0" from home plate.
- Bases are 70'-0" apart.
  - Leading off and Picking off is allowed.
  - Stealing bases is allowed.
  - Bunting is allowed but once a player shows bunt, they may not swing at the pitch.

## Line Up

- Bat the entire lineup with free defensive substitution
- Each player must play a minimum of two defensive innings.

## Time Limits

- No new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play.
- No drop dead on time.
- No minimum number of innings to make a complete game.
- Extra innings may be played after 6 innings and if 1 hour and 45 minutes of play has not expired.
- Tie games will be played out if time remains under the time limit. Once the time limit is reached and a started inning is completed, if the game is still tied, it will be recorded as a tie.
- Mercy rule applies if after the 4th inning is completed, and a team is ahead by 15 or more runs, the game is over OR after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning is completed, and a team is ahead by 10 or more runs, the game is over.

## Balks

- Balks will be called in AAA Majors after 2 weeks of play. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, balks will be considered a one-time warning then enforced if 2<sup>nd</sup> similar violation. Week 4 going forward; all balks will be called.
- In the first two weeks, if a balk results in an out, the play will be negated and the player that was put out will return to his/her original location.
- However, if a balk results in an out but the batting team scores a run (such as on a 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> double steal) the team may choose to take the run and the resulting out.
- Balks will NOT be called in AAA Minors. Coaches and umpires will instruct players on proper pitching mechanics.

## Pitching

- Pitch Counts Limits and Rest Requirements must be followed for league age.
- Manager must keep track on the league approved pitch count form.

## Batting

- The non-wood bats may must have the USABaseball Bat marking.
- Wood bats are permitted.
- Bats with BBCOR marking are NOT Permitted.
- Bat barrel must be no greater than 2 5/8" diameter.

## Scorebooks

- Home team will be considered the official book and will be responsible for writing official game start time given by the home plate umpire.
- Both teams will be responsible for keeping track of pitching records in their own scorebooks. If pitching records requested of a manager and they are not available, the team requesting them can deem your pitcher ineligible to pitch in that game.

## Field Responsibilities

- No infield will be taken by either team prior to a game.
- No use of the pitcher's mound on the main field will be allowed prior to the start of a game.
- Home team will prep the field before each game.
- Visiting team will put the field to bed after each game.