



2019 11 Year-Old State  
Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament  
SCHEELS COMPLEX  
July 10-14, 2019 (2000 Shiloh Dr)  
Bismarck, ND



### **Tournament Rules and Game Conduct**

**Tournament Managers: John Herold (701-226-1236)  
Dave Hoekstra (701-471-2639)**

### **Team Check-In**

Team Managers MUST check-in 1 hour prior to your first scheduled game at Tournament Headquarters which is located at the main concession building at the Scheels Complex.

1. Turn in your team credentials binder at this time.
2. Confirm that your coaches' cell #s are included in the group text for weather updates/cancelations etc...
3. Pitch Count Sheets will be used. After each game, a picture of the sheet will be texted to coaches in the group text.
4. Please help us keep our facility clean, and do not consume alcohol in the parking lot or on the grounds of the complex.

### **Tournament Documents for Check-In at Tournament**

- a. Letter of League Eligibility (Signed by State Commissioner)
- b. Tournament Team Roster (Signed by League Representative) and photo with outline,
- c. Coaches Certification Information (ID card or Certificate, beginning in 2008)
- d. Certificate of Insurance Coverage (Accident and Liability)
- e. Insurance Claim Form (signed by League Representative)
- f. Completed Consent to Treat forms for rostered players.
- g. Any applicable waivers.

## **Tournament Rules and Guidelines**

1. Managers are to have lineup cards submitted to the score table 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. Please include: Starters first and last name, number, position) (Reserves first and last name, number) (Coaches/Manager first and last name)
2. A coin flip will determine the Home team for all pool play games. The coin flip will take place 1 hour prior to scheduled game time at Tournament Headquarters. If a team designee is not present for the coin flip, it will take place without them. Bracket play the higher seed will be home team. If both same seed, coin flip will take place.
3. The Home Team will occupy the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout, the Visiting Team will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. (Water will be provided in each dugout) If a team plays successive games, they will not change dugouts.
4. There are two batting cages available on East end of the complex. Each team preparing to play will have access to ONE of the cages. Please be mindful of your time in the cage.
5. Umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules.
6. Only the Manager (no coaches or players) will discuss any plays of a controversial nature. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be fully informed of the identity of each team manager.
7. Managers, coaches, and players shall wear full uniforms according to the Official Baseball Rules. No ragged shirt tails, etc... will be permitted. Protective headgear (double earflap) must be worn at bat and on the bases.
8. Equipment – bats, gloves, etc., shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times.
9. Discarding bats and protective helmets in such a way as to cause injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike.
10. All games are scheduled for 6 innings or 5 ½ innings if the home team is leading.
11. Any tournament game for Cal Ripken Baseball divisions must be terminated immediately if one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after two and one half (2 ½) or three (3) innings and each team has had equal times at bat.
12. Any tournament game for Cal Ripken Divisions must be terminated immediately once becoming regulation (3 ½ or 4 innings) if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs and each team has had equal times at bat, or the home team is leading.
13. All protective gear must be worn. Helmets for batters and runners as well as bat boys/girls. Masks, throat protector and cup supporter for the catcher.
14. Anybody (player or coach) warming up the pitcher must wear a mask (includes bull pen).
15. Intentional Walk: Umpire declares ball dead and awards batter 1<sup>st</sup> base- no pitches are delivered.
16. No designated hitter or courtesy runners are permitted.

17. EXTRA PLAYER: A team may elect to add a 10<sup>th</sup> player to the batting order. Prior to the beginning of the game, this player will be indicated in the line-up as the "EP". The "EP" will be treated as any other starter and cannot be eliminated during the course of the game. If a team's line-up starts with 10 players, the team must finish with 10 players. Penalty shall be a forfeit.
18. The Babe Ruth League re-entry rule is in effect for all games (all starters may re-enter one time).
19. All players/coaches must have the Cal Ripken emblem properly displayed on their uniform or hat.
20. No protest on judgement calls, only on rule interpretations. Game will stop until the protest is ruled on. Any protest of an incident must be made immediately after the incident. Once a pitch has been thrown following said incident, the incident can no longer be protested.
21. Protest committee will consist of John Herold or Dave Hoekstra, Jeremy Dykestra, and Jesse Scalzo. If needed, they will call Jeremy Ludlum (State Commissioner) or Darin Krueger (Assistant Midwest Commissioner).
22. Only fifteen (15) players, one (1) manager, three (3) coaches and one (1) batboy/batgirl are allowed in the dugout.
23. Jewelry is prohibited. Players shall not wear jewelry.
24. NO METAL CLEATS.

**PITCHING RULES: PENALTY IS FORFEIT OF THE GAME**

**1. No player may pitch in 3 consecutive days/games regardless of pitch count. 2.**

**Maximum pitches in a day = 85 3. Rest Period:**

- a. 1-40 pitches = 0 days rest
- b. 41-65 pitches = 1 day rest
- c. 66+ pitches = 2 days rest

\*\*\* If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

\*\*\* NO PITCHER shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three (3) consecutive days regardless of pitch count.

**Bat Rule:**

- a. All non-wood bats must have the USA Bat Marking
- b. Bat Barrel up to 2 5/8"
- c. No BBCOR Allowed

**Zero Tolerance Policy:**

- North Dakota has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy for parents and spectators.
- Parents/spectators using inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include, but not limited to: use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time, taunting of players, coaches, officials, umpires, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, and/or threat of physical violence or actual physical violence.

Penalty: If an umpire, NDBRD representative or tournament official observes a parent/spectator displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game, the umpire, NDBRD representative or tournament official will stop the game and identify violators to the team manager, coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, the game will resume. In addition, these disciplinary provisions are in effect before and after games. Violators may be subject to further disciplinary actions by local governing bodies and ND Babe Ruth Baseball.