



Northern Burlington Instructional Athletic Association  
P.O. Box 334, Columbus, New Jersey 08022

## ***2005 Major Baseball Rules (10-12 years old)*** ***Northern Burlington Cal Ripken Jr. Baseball League***

**GOAL:** To instruct the fundamentals of the game of baseball to ten through twelve year old children, while providing time for them to recreate and have fun.

**Playing Rules:** As adopted by the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Jr. Baseball and amended by agreement of participating Northern Burlington community representatives.

**Exceptions to Cal Ripken Rules:**

1. An **optional** 10 run mercy rule, with a **mandatory** 15 run provision will be applied.

2. Every player must play three innings defensively and bat at least once in a game.

This rule does not apply in a case where Rules 1 or 6 is applied.

Defensive free-substitution is allowed and encouraged throughout the game, without regard for the offensive batting order.

The batting order for both teams will include all players up to the lesser of players present on the opposing team rosters. For example, if one team has thirteen available players, and the other team has twelve, both teams will include at least twelve players in their respective batting orders. Batting the entire roster is allowed at any time by either team.

Coaches are encouraged to rotate starters and substitutes from game to game to equalize playing time among rostered players on a given team.

3. A pitcher may not continue pitching after walking five consecutive batters in an inning, and should be removed after the fifth base on balls or the second hit batsman in an inning.
4. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect for all Minor and Major League games.
5. Refer to the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Rule Book for maximum innings per week and days of rest after number of innings pitched.
6. A minimum of 11 games must be played by each team to encourage make-ups of postponed games, and to be eligible for post-season play.
7. All games will be played with a two-hour time limit in place, or to the completion of inning in progress.
8. NO headfirst sliding is allowed at any base, except while returning back to a base to avoid a pick-off attempt.
9. Official score must be kept and innings pitched by each pitcher verified with the opposing coach's signature.
10. Team rosters, with player numbers, must be submitted to the league for distribution to all teams prior to the beginning of the season.
11. On an as-needed basis, in cases of potential forfeitures, players rostered on Minor League teams may play games at the Major League level. This rule is not intended to take playing time away from Major League players, and must not be used to "gain an advantage."

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