

OKEEHOLEE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.
CAL RIPKEN DIVISION RULES
(11-12)

1. AGE OF PLAYER

Player must be eleven (11) years old by April 30 of current season. Player must not be thirteen (13) years old before May 1 of the current season.

2. REGULATION GAME

Regulation game is six innings. Game will be official if four (4) full innings are completed (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). There is a ten (10) run rule in effect and the game shall be called if either team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs after the completion of four (4) innings (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).

3. TIME LIMIT

No inning shall start more than one hour forty-five minutes after the official starting time, unless game is tied. NOTE: Monday through Thursday, no new inning will start after 9pm. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the game will go to the Kansas City Tiebreaker format. Last out of the previous inning is placed on 2nd base, and the inning will begin with the batting team already having 1 out. This format will be used until a winner is determined. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire

4. MUST PLAY RULE / BATTING

This division will use a free substitution format in which any player on the roster may be freely rotated into any defensive position (subject to further rules, i.e. pitching). Each player must play a minimum of two (2) defensive innings. Each team will bat a ten (10) man lineup. Substitutes must be entered into the batting order, having at least one (1) at-bat per game. Substitutes must be entered into the batting lineup prior to batting through your lineup a 2nd time. Starters may be re-entered into the batting order, after the substitute has fulfilled his/her playing requirements. Failure to meet either the defensive or offensive must play rule will result in forfeiture of the game and a one (1) game suspension for the manager on the first offense. Any subsequent offenses will result in forfeiture and the manager will be brought before the Board of Directors.

5. EQUIPMENT

No skull caps permitted. Full catchers' helmet and protective cups will be worn by all catchers. All infielders are urged to wear cups.

6. FIELDING CHANGES

All pitching changes must be submitted to the home plate umpire upon execution.

7. FIELD SET-UP

The baseline will be 70' and leadoffs with steals are permitted. The pitching rubber will be set at 50'.

8. PITCHING REGULATIONS

Pitch Count: All pitchers will be limited to no more than 80 pitches in a single game. Once the pitcher reaches 70 pitches in a game, the scorekeeper shall notify the manager, giving the manager time to warm-up a replacement pitcher. When the pitcher throws the 80th pitch, the scorekeeper will stop the game, and a new pitcher must be placed on the mound. The scorekeeper is responsible for keeping the official pitch

count and has final say as to the number of pitches thrown, no exceptions. Failure to follow this rule will result in a forfeit.

Innings Pitched: Okeeheelee Youth Baseball will also comply with Cal Riken Youth Baseball's inning pitched rule. This rule states that any player is allowed a maximum of 6 innings pitched in a calendar week, Monday through Sunday. In addition, if a player pitches more than 2 innings, the player is required to take at least 2 calendar days rest before pitching again.

Pitcher/Catcher: If a player has pitched at any point, for any amount of time in a game, that player may not be entered in to the same game as a catcher. Failure to obey this rule will result in a forfeit.