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BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. CAL RIPKEN DIVISION

Major Division: Generally recommended for 11 and 12 year old players, but local leagues have the flexibility to organize their leagues as they see fit. Cal Ripken Baseball is played under the Official Baseball Rules, but implements some special rules as necessary for the development and welfare of this young age group. Under the Major Division, there are two formats; Major/70 and Major/60 Divisions. In both formats, games consist of six innings. In order to encourage the league to train more pitchers and protect their arms, there are rules set forth for maximum number of innings and/or pitches a pitcher may pitch in a calendar week.

Major/70: By far the most popular Division, features a 50' pitching distance and 70' base paths. The 50/70 concept provides players the opportunity to play "real" baseball rules by leading off bases, pitching from the stretch position, etc. It allows for an easier transition to the 90' diamond that players will experience at the next level of baseball. This division features a tournament trail from District competition through the World Series in Branson, MO at Ballparks of America. 11 Year-Olds have a Tournament Trail culminating with the Middle Atlantic Region Tournament.

Major/60: Features a 46' pitching distance and 60' base paths. Special base running rules are also in effect. This division is offered as an option to the Major/70 division format. The Major/60 Division includes a tournament trail from District competition through the World Series.

Minor: Generally recommended for players ages 9-10. Players build and refine their fundamental skills while beginning to understand game strategy and teamwork. This level of Cal Ripken Baseball culminates in a post-season Tournament Trail leading to the 10 Year-Old World Series. 9 Year-Olds have a Tournament Trail culminating with the Middle Atlantic Region Tournament.

Rookie: Designed primarily for players ages 7-8, this division offers options for use of pitching machine, coach pitch, and/or player pitch formats. This age group offers a post-season Tournament Trail that culminates with the 8 Year-Old Middle Atlantic Regional Tournament.

T-Ball: Ballplayers ages 4-6 learn hitting and fielding fundamentals in a supportive team environment. Young athletes hit the ball from a batting tee which is height-adjusted for a level swing, batting in order through the line-up for the entire game. The primary goal is to begin to instruct young players in the fundamentals of baseball in a supportive team environment.

In all Cal Ripken Divisions, local leagues have the opportunity to group players in the best interest of their organization. 12 Year-Old players may play with other 12 year-olds and/or with 13-15 Year-Olds. This "Swing Player" Option is at the discretion of the Local League President.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL

Babe Ruth Baseball - Ages 13-15 Founded in 1951, Babe Ruth Baseball League was created for ballplayers ages 13-15 who wished to continue their baseball playing experience beyond the age of 12. This is where players get their baseball cleats muddy for the first time on standard 90' diamonds under slightly modified Official Baseball Rules, the same rules used by Major League Baseball. There are specific rules aimed at player safety; mainly restricting the number of inning/pitcher that a play may throw in a calendar week. In this division, teams are eligible to enter tournament competition beginning at the District level and culminating in a World Series. Three World Series are held in this division: 13 Year-Old World Series, 14 Year-Old World Series, and the renowned 13-15 World Series.

13-Year-Old Prep Players often express apprehension at competing with 14 and 15 Year-Old players who have already experienced one or two years playing on a standard 90' diamond. Babe Ruth League introduced this prep league-comprised of teams with only 13-year-old players to foster more participation in the game for this age group. This league offers the 13-year-old player the assurance to play without age intimidation and the chance to participate in the 13-Year-Old World Series.

Babe Ruth Baseball - Ages 16-18 The highest and most accomplished level in Babe Ruth Baseball. A favorite among high school players and coaches, this division prepares players for collegiate recruiting and the professional draft. This division allows players a chance to compete through a tournament trail to reach the 16-18 Year-Old World Series.

16-Year-Old Prep The primary objective of the 16-yearold prep program is to provide players the opportunity to stay involved in organized baseball while sharpening their skills against competition in their own age group. Any league franchised in 16-18 Babe Ruth Baseball may also choose to register a 16-Year-Old Prep League.

In all Babe Ruth Divisions, local leagues have the opportunity to group players in the best interest of their organization. 15 Year-Old players may play with other 13-15 year-olds and/or with 16-18 Year-Olds. This "Swing Player" Option is at the discretion of the Local League President.

BABE RUTH SOFTBALL

Babe Ruth Softball League - Ages 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 16U & 18U Since its inception in 1984, Babe Ruth Softball has grown tremendously to become a premier softball program throughout the United States and Canada-and is also the fastest growing division in Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Designed for ages 4-18, age divisions offered include: 6 & Under, 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under. The primary emphasis of Babe Ruth Softball is on education, skill development, participation for all levels of ability and of course, having fun.

A special highlight of Babe Ruth Softball is its annual tournament trail. Tournament teams from each local league are eligible to participate in District competition with winners advancing to the State and Regional levels. Entry to the official Babe Ruth Softball tournament trail is free. 12 & Under and 16 & Under Divisions advance to a World Series. Babe Ruth Softball also offers an invitational World Series for the 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 14 & Under, and 18 & Under divisions.

Xtreme Fast Pitch - Ages 8 through 18 Babe Ruth League, Inc. has always been deeply committed to providing all our participants the very best educational sports experience possible. This commitment applies to our players who wish to play baseball or softball on a recreational level to those who seek a higher degree of competition to hone their skills, with the goal of continuing play into high school and beyond. In all divisions, Babe Ruth League core values are to be recognized and adhered to, using regulation competitive baseball and softball rules to teach skills, promote mental and physical development, nurture a respect for the rules of the game and reinforce basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

There are no geographical boundaries limiting where the players who sign up for an Xtreme team come from. Participating leagues can sign up a group of players from any geographical make-up and form a team to play other Xtreme teams in special games or tournaments throughout the year.

Xtreme teams are eligible to play at their own facility ... or in local tournaments that might only be a quick drive away ... or farther away anywhere across the country where tournaments are being held! Playing rules will match High School and College playing rules to better prepare players for the next level of competition.