



WJ Copper Hills Baseball
Local Policies, Procedures & By-Laws
2018 Season



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Mission & Purpose

WJ Copper Hills Baseball Purpose and Mission: Follow National Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken guidelines and mission statement. Education is our primary goal and competitive baseball is our secondary goal.

Boundaries

The boundaries for participation in the WJ Copper Hills Baseball will coincide with boundaries as follows: Beginning at 5400 South and the Oquirrh Mountains to 9800 South. Follow 9800 South to the Jordan River (approx. 1100 West). Follow the Jordan River to 6200 South, head West to Bangerter Highway. On Bangerter Highway head North to 5400 South. Follow 5400 South West to the Oquirrh Mountains.

Divisions & Ages

The League will be made up of the following Divisions and corresponding age groups as of April 30:

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| • | T-Ball | 3-5 years |
| • | Rookie | 5-6 years |
| • | Peewee 7 | 7 years |
| • | Peewee 8 | 8 years |
| • | Minors | 9-10 years |
| • | Majors | 11-12 years |
| • | Babe Ruth 13 | 13 years |
| • | Babe Ruth 15 | 14-15 years |



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Baseball Board, League Officers, & Financing

The Executive Board shall consist of the following positions:

- President
- President Elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice President Over Commissioners

The Board shall also consist of the following positions:

- Major Commissioner
- Minor Commissioner
- Peewee 7 Commissioner
- Peewee 8 Commissioner
- Rookie and T-Ball Commissioner
- Accelerated/All-star Commissioner
- Babe Ruth Commissioner
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Umpire Coordinator
- Uniform/Equipment Coordinator
- Player/Coach Development Coordinator
- Team Parent Coordinator
- Scheduling Coordinator
- Snack Bar Coordinator
- Fundraiser Coordinator

Elections & Appointments

Executive Board Members shall be elected as a two year term in alternating years as follows:

In odd years elect:

President
Secretary

In even years elect:

President Elect as a 1 year term
Treasurer
VP over Commissioners

A board member's term shall be from August 1 to July 31st of the subsequent year following the election terms. Elections will be held during June of the calendar year preceding the season of the appointment. The voting shall be open to all members and parents within the organization. Board member duties are outlined in a separate document.

Board Voting

Each of the Board Members possess one vote. The League President shall be the tiebreaker, if required. The board shall meet a minimum of six times during the calendar year with other meetings as deemed appropriate by the Board to facilitate all operations of the league.

In the event that a board position is not filled (except for President Elect) during the regularly held election time, the Executive Board may appoint an individual to fill the term. If an individual leaves a board position or is removed for any reason the board/president also has authority to fill the unexpired term.

In the event that there are multiple board members from one household and/or family elected or appointed to the board, there is one allowed vote per household/family.



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Snack Bar Committee

The Snack Bar Committee shall consist of the following:

1. Concessions/Snack Bar Chairperson
2. Committee Members

The Snack Bar Committee Members shall assume responsibility delegated by Snack Bar Chairperson. This includes preparation for opening for business, food preparation, training, stock list maintenance, organizing breakfast, treat tickets, food voucher cards and other miscellaneous duties as needed.

The monies collected through the shift shall be counted jointly by the Snack Bar Supervisor/Committee Member and the Officiating League Officer for the night. This procedure will be done a minimum of two times to ensure accuracy. Both parties shall sign the record book to verify the amount. The deposit shall be taken to the night deposit box at the branch of the financial institution of which the league is banking. All deposits on the bank statements must reconcile to the record book in the snack bar.

(Snack Bar Committee Members are not Executive Board Members. Snack Bar Committee Members do not vote as Executive Board Members, however are considered league officers within their own right and will attend their own officer meetings. These committee members are selected and approved by the Executive Board members.)

Financial

Accounts & Accounting

The league shall maintain a treasurer who is responsible for all league finances. The league shall establish two checking accounts.

1. Registration: This shall include all deposits for registration fees for regular season and for the All-Star season. These funds shall pay for field use, uniforms, equipment, insurance, state fees, national fees, pictures and trophies. This account shall be the main operating account for the league and will subsidize the Snack Bar Account, if necessary.
2. Snack Bar: This will include all deposits from the Snack Bar. These funds shall pay for snack bar rental fee, snack bar maintenance, ~~and~~ food and will also pay for all umpire fees associated with regular season games.

The league shall maintain two signatures with the bank on the Registration account, those of the president and the treasurer. The snack bar account shall have two signatures on file at the bank account, the snack bar official and treasurer. These accounts are to be established at a local bank under a non-profit shield.

In the event that an officer/signatory resigns or is removed of his/her duties in relation to the WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken league they shall be immediately removed from all signature accounts at all corresponding financial institutions.

All league expenditures above \$300.00 need to be approved by the Executive Board before purchase, unless approved through electronic communication (except Snack Bar Food and Drink only).



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Open Book Policy

The league shall maintain an open book policy. This means that any league member or parent who would like to view the financial records of the league may schedule an appointment with the Executive Board.

However, some sensitive information is not available to be viewed by the public. This includes, but is not limited to; returned checks to the league and the player's information that are accepted to the league under scholarship.

The Treasurer shall balance the accounts each month and the Board Members shall approve the financial records during board meeting by majority vote.

League Registration

Registration information will be sent out in January for each season. The information shall include prices, dates, and player/league contact information.

Online Registration will begin in January with in-person registrations beginning in February.

Registration Fees

Registration fees shall remain the same until amended by a majority vote of the board members. The board should make every effort to keep costs down; however, the league must be able to meet rising costs.

Scholarships

Seasonal Scholarships for 50% of registration fees excluding treat tickets may be granted to a player or players by the Executive Board. Parents may apply for this scholarship solely by contacting the President and explaining the circumstances. It is the intent of the league that all players have an opportunity to participate. At the beginning of the registration process the Board will set aside a certain amount to be used for the sole purpose of scholarship. Once these funds have been exhausted no further scholarships can be awarded.



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Team Structure

Each team during the regular season will have the following leadership:

- 1 Head Coach
- 2* Assistant Coaches (maximum)
- 1 Team Parent (Team Mom/Dad)
- 2 Official Scorekeepers
- 10-12 Players (more than 12 players must be approved by the Division Commissioner.)

While parental involvement is encouraged at practices and before and after games, a maximum of three coaches* will be allowed on the field during games.

* Except for T-Ball, Rookie, Peewee 7 & Peewee 8 where one additional coach is allowed on the field (total 3 Assistant Coaches), but should mainly stay in the dugout to assist these younger players in preparation.

Coaches

The coaches are responsible for teaching playing skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, rules and supporting the league in all aspects. Resources are available at www.baberuth.org

Team Parent

The Official Team Parent is responsible for facilitating all administrative duties such as treat tickets, fundraisers, recruiting two Official Scorekeepers for every game, and other duties as needed.

Scorekeepers

Each team will provide 2 Scorekeepers. 1 to keep the official score at home games and 1 to run the scoreboard at the visiting games. Scorekeepers must sit at the designated scorekeeping table. A win will be deducted from the record of the team that did not provide the scorekeeper.

Tryouts

The Head and Assistant Coach's children will automatically be assigned to the team they have agreed to coach. The two assistant coaches' children will be selected as the first and second round draft picks. These players must be named by 11pm the night prior to the start of the tryout and will not be allowed to participate.

Each player will be present for tryouts, with the exception of those players frozen as coach or assistant coaches' children. Each player will field and throw the ball and run. Batting is optional if time permits and upon consensus of coaches in that respective division. All coaches will observe and grade each player for the draft. The head coach and 2 assistant coaches may be on the field during the tryout. If no Assistant coaches are found prior to tryouts they will be chosen from amongst players selected for that team after the draft. No parents may be on the field or in the gym during tryouts.

Draft

The head coach and 2 assistant coaches may be present at the draft. The coach/assistant coaches have brother/sister option. Example: A returning player on an existing team has a sibling player moving into the division, the sibling will automatically be placed on that team unless there is a specific request by the parents stating otherwise.



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Freezing Players

Head Coaches' child (ren): When the board has approved a head coach, their eligible child (ren) are automatically placed on that team.

Assistant Coaches' child (ren): One other player may be automatically added ("Frozen") to the roster by the selection of an assistant coach whose child is then automatically placed on that team. The coach then forfeits their first and or second round draft pick if two assistant coaches are identified.

Draft Day

The draft will occur in a reverse snake pattern starting with Round 1. The last team to draw in the first round will select first in the second round etc. This helps even out the player picks.

Balancing By Age Group - All teams will be required to draft, as close as possible, an equal number of ages as each of the other teams. Numbers will be set prior to the draft.

Round 1 - Every coach selects one player. If a coach has frozen an assistant coaches child, that player constitutes his first round selection.

Round 2 - Every coach selects one player. If a coach has frozen a second assistant coaches child, that player constitutes his second round selection.

Round 3 - Every coach selects one player

Round 4 - Every coach selects one player.

Round 5 - Every coach selects one player

Round 6 - Every coach selects one player.

*Round 7 - Every coach selects one player

Round 8 - Every coach selects one player.

*In the event that the coach/assistant coaches have more than 1 child the additional siblings will be draft picks 7, 9, and 11. This also applies to drafted siblings.

Players signing up after the draft or not present at the tryout will be assigned randomly (reverse hat pick) to a team until all teams have 12 players, at which time no additional signups will be approved for that division.

Field Maintenance

Pre-Season

The league will schedule a "Field Day" prior to the start of the season. This is a time when players and families get the opportunity help prepare fields and the park for the upcoming season.

On Game Day

The Home Team will be required to prepare the fields for play. This includes but is not exclusive to taking rakes out to the fields, chalking the lines, raking the infields, and placing the bases. The raking and preparation of fields must be in compliance with West Jordan City Parks and Recreation to comply with lease requirements.

The Visiting Team will be required to perform field clean up. This includes but is not exclusive to taking rakes back, garbage pickup around the fields and bases retrieved and returned to the equipment shed if they are the last game of the night.

Each team is responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleacher areas!



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Hit-A-Thon Fundraiser

The Hit-A-Thon is the league's traditional source of fundraising. This event is organized and facilitated by the Fundraising Committee Chairperson and committee. It is to occur in May of the calendar year that coincides with the playing season. Players collect pledges for every hit they make. On the Hit-A-Thon day, every player is given 20 pitches off a pitching machine. Tee-Ball and Rookie division players will hit off a tee. A Volunteer will count the number of hits and the amount pledged, and give a copy back to the player to begin collecting his/her pledges. The fundraising chairperson will maintain records of the pledges for each player and how much each player will turn into the league as a contribution. The Team Parent will gather pledges for their team and submit them to the fundraising chairperson. Prizes are awarded to encourage participation.

Regulation Game/Time Limits

The time limit rule is in effect and will be enforced. No new inning will start after the time limit has expired and the game will be considered a regulation game. When time expires and either team is up by more than their respective run rule limit, the game will end as an official game.

- T-Ball games will consist of two innings, with all players batting each inning. Note: Score is not officially kept for this division.
- Rookie games will consist of 3 innings, or 1 hour with a drop dead of one hour 15 minutes. Note: Score is not officially kept for this division.
- Peewee 7 and 8 games will consist of 5 innings, or no new inning after 1:30 and a drop dead time at 1:45. In the event that the game ends in the drop dead the score will revert to the last full completed inning
- Minor & Major games will consist of 6 innings, or no new inning after 1:39. There will be no drop-dead time in this division. Games can end in a tie.
- Babe Ruth games will consist of 7 innings, or no new inning after 1:45.

The game ends when time has expired, the visiting team completes its half of the last inning, and the home team is winning. If the visiting team has scored fewer runs than the home team has scored in their allotted innings. Both the inning and the game end immediately when the winning run is scored and before three players are out.

Suspended Game

If a game is called by the Board member on duty because of weather, darkness, or any other cause which make further play impossible before it becomes a regulation game it will become a suspended game. The official scorekeeper will record the suspended time of play in score book. At a later date as scheduling allows the game will be resumed from the point of play where the game was suspended. (For example games will resume at the point of play with runners on base same number of outs and with the same strikes and balls count when play was suspended.) The pitching innings will be considered during the week the game is resumed not from the week it was suspended.

Bad Weather – The game will be considered a full game due to bad weather if you have played 1 hour or *3 complete innings. *Babe Ruth must complete 4 innings

Lightning – Games will be stopped for 30 minutes when lightening is detected within 5 miles of the baseball park. Any subsequent lightning after the beginning of the 30 minute count will reset the clock for another 30 minutes. If the time exceeds the playing time the game will be considered a suspended game or a regulation game due to bad weather.



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Pitching Regulations

Official Babe Ruth Baseball and Cal Ripken Baseball rules will apply. The Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken rulebooks will take precedence over any by-laws for all pitching regulations. Please note that minimum rest requirements are not based on the number of hours since the last pitching. They are based on calendar days. (Example: A pitcher who reaches their max pitch count on Monday and requires rest will not be able to pitch again until Thursday.)

All pitchers will be allowed five warm up pitches prior to the beginning of the game, or as a new pitcher entering the game. Five pitches are allowed between innings or 1 minute. These rules must be adhered to or a delay of game warning will be recorded in the score book.

During the end-of-season tournament play, tournament rules will apply.

2/24/2018 the WJCH Baseball Board chose to not follow pitch count for the 2018 baseball season. We will follow the rules in the 2017 Babe Ruth Rule Book. Which consist of a pitcher can pitch 6 innings per calendar week. During a game if a pitcher pitches 2 innings no days of rest are needed. After the 3 inning 2 full days rest is required. If a pitcher is in violation the game could be considered a forfeit*

All Divisions

No Malicious contact rule will be enforced per umpire discretion. Head first sliding at home will be called an out.

No Wood Bats will be allowed in Cal Ripken age players.

Home team will use the 1st base dugout and the visitors will use the 3rd base dugout. This is to correspond with the scoreboards.

Catcher speed up rule - When there are two outs each team may remove the catcher from the base paths and utilize a substitute runner in an effort to speed up the game. The last batted out will run for the catcher, when implementation of the rule is in effect.

Teams will not be allowed to warm up on the infield prior to games, including pitchers and catchers.

Anyone warming up a pitcher must wear a mask.

6 run rule will apply and is defined as: Once the 6th run crosses home plate, the inning is ended. No additional base runners may score. If a home run over the fence is hit, the batter will be credited with the home run.

Mercy rule will apply. If one team is ahead by 10 (ten) runs after the end of 4 complete innings, or the home teams after 3 ½ the game is considered a regulation game.

After each game, the umpire and both head coaches must sign the official book and pitching log.

Required Minimum Playing Time

Coaches will be required to play all players a minimum of two innings per game. Six outs constitute a complete inning. Un-played innings of games shortened by weather conditions or any other reason will not be credited to a player's minimum playing time. It is **"highly recommended"** that a coach rotate his starting players so that the same players do not always lose the half inning of playing time at the end of the last inning when the home team is ahead. It is **"highly recommended"** that all substitutions in the Minor and Major Divisions be made no later than upon completion of the third inning.



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Any team not playing all players the required innings and at least 1 (one) at-bat will have one game deleted from the win column of league records, resulting in an extra loss! Exceptions: situation that make it impossible to play a player the required innings would be as follows: four inning games, rain-outs, or when players recorded in the official score book prior to the start of the game are injured, must leave early, are on vacation, or not playing for disciplinary reasons. These must be documented in the scorebook. Once documented, that player may not enter the game. Continued failure of the required playing time rule will then result in the removal of the coach from the league. No written protest by a Head Coach will be necessary for the board to enforce the required playing time rule. Commissioners of any division may and will periodically check the official score books for violation.

The opposing coach must protest a violation of any playing rule, other than the minimum playing time rule.

Minimum Number of Players

An official game can be played with a minimum of eight players with the ninth batter as an automatic out. However, a team will not be charged an automatic out when a player has to leave early and is on the roster, or was on the pre-game roster, but has not come to the game, unless this drops the team below 9 players. Less than eight players at any time during the game is considered a forfeit.

When a team has less than 9 players a substitute can only be acquired from a league player 1 division immediate below.

Protests

To protest a game the Head Coach protesting must call for time from the umpire and inform the umpire that a protest is being made. The umpire will bring both head coaches and the Board Member on duty together to notify all of the protest. It will be noted in the scorebook that a protest is being made and it will be identified in the official scorebook the time on the clock, pitcher, players on base, player at bat and the count. The umpire must sign the scorebook where the protest is being made and the protest sheet before the game can resume. The game will then continue. In the event a protest is upheld the league may 1) rule a forfeit for one of the teams involved 2) replay the game from the point of the protest 3) leave the game outcome as it stands. In the event the game or portion of the game must be replayed it will follow the resumption of game rules as stated in these by laws under suspended games. The protest sheet needs to be turned into the Commissioner over their specific division by noon the next day or the protest will be ruled invalid.

Umpiring

T-Ball & Rookies will not have umpires or score kept.

Peewees and Minors will use youth umpires.

Majors will use youth umpires in the field and adult or State certified umpires behind the plate. All umpires will be paid an appropriate fee. The association will be paid the required Association fees.

The Umpire Coordinator will hold an umpiring clinic prior to the season starting.

Division-Specific Rules

T-Ball

The purpose of the T-Ball Division is to teach fundamental fielding, hitting and throwing techniques with an emphasis on having fun within the framework of the Cal Ripken League.

Teams will bat through the entire lineup each half inning.

No outs will be called. The last batter in the inning will run all the bases to clear the field.



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Coach Pitch – Coaches will, no sooner than the first Monday in May have the option of pitching the ball to their more advanced players. If a coach utilizes this option there will be a maximum of three pitches regardless of whether the pitch was hittable by the player. After the third pitch the Tee will be used.

Field Setup – Home team will be responsible to provide the Tee for the game

Rookie Division

The purpose of the Rookie Division is to teach fundamental fielding, hitting and throwing techniques with an emphasis on having fun within the framework of the Cal Ripken League.

All players will bat each inning. A half inning is complete when all players on a team have batted.

All outs at any base resulting from the play of a ground ball may result from the fielder touching the base or home plate before the running reaches the base. In other words, all plays are force outs. This is for the safety of the players. A caught fly ball does count as an out.

No steals are allowed. Players may advance only one base on a hit ball.

Pitching will be by machine only!! No exceptions!! Each batter will receive five pitches (deemed hittable). A player who makes any contact with the pitch (foul ball, tip etc.) on the fifth pitch earns another pitch.

Outs – If a player does not hit the ball after the fifth pitch he/she is out and returns to the dugout. If a player is tagged or forced out in the field he/she is out and returns to the dugout. A half inning does not end with three outs, but when all players have batted.

Field Setup – The home team is responsible for setting up the field and pitching machine. The visiting team is responsible for taking down the field and returning the pitching machine, bases, and extension cord to the equipment room.

Peewee 7

Pitching – This division will use a pitching machine for the first three innings and player pitch for the last two innings.

While using the pitching machine, each batter receives 5 pitches or 3 swinging attempts at the ball. If after the fifth pitch; the player has not hit the ball, the player shall be counted as striking out. A tipped ball on the fifth pitch continues the at bat.

The intent of the rule is to teach the player that even though there may be a total of five pitches delivered to any given player; they must learn to distinguish between what is commonly considered to be a strike and what is commonly considered to be a ball. This becomes extremely important when the division commences with the player pitch portion of the game and/or season.

All official Cal Ripken pitching rules will remain in effect at all times.

Stealing – The division will have a no steal home rule. A player cannot steal home on a passed pitch or while the catcher is in the act of throwing. The runner may attempt to steal home from third base only if an attempt is made on him or another runner and he may only advance in the event of a play on a runner. This will result in an automatic time out after the runner is forced back to any base. This rule will not apply to post season tournaments.

Positions – A fourth outfielder may be on the field, to break up the spacing in the outfield. This is an outfielder, not a short fielder, or rover position. The four outfielders are to be stationed at even distances and used as outfielders!



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All runners refer to the Cal Ripken 60 ft. special base running rules in the Babe Ruth rulebook.

Peewee 8

All official Cal Ripken pitching rules will remain in effect at all times.

Stealing – The division will have a no steal home rule in place until the first Monday in May. A player cannot steal home on a passed pitch or while the catcher is in the act of throwing. The runner may attempt to steal home from third base only if an attempt is made on him or another runner and he may only advance in the event of a play on a runner. This will result in an automatic time out after the runner is forced back to any base. This rule will not apply after the first Monday in May to simulate tournament play.

All runners refer to the Cal Ripken 60 ft. special base running rules in the Babe Ruth rulebook.

Minors

All runners refer to the Cal Ripken 60 ft. special base running rules in the Babe Ruth rulebook.

Majors

Major Division will play a base path of 70' and pitch from a distance of 50'. All baseball rules will apply, including balk, leading off, stealing, etc. Up to the 4th Monday in April balks will be called but not enforced. This is intended to give pitchers an opportunity to learn about balks and make corrections without being penalized.

Fans/Players and Coaches Suspensions

This applies to Regular Season, Accelerated and the All-Star Season.

All Coaches

Any coach that is ejected from a game must immediately leave the Ron Wood Baseball Complex. If any coach refuses to leave the complex in a timely matter, it will be considered a 2nd ejection immediately.

1. 1st ejection. Coach is suspended for 1 game and must umpire a game for free before being allowed to coach again. The game umpired will be determined by the Board.
2. 2nd ejection in a season. 3 games suspension, umpire game for free and must have a meeting with the League President, VP over Commissions and division commissioner before returning to the team.
3. 3rd ejection. Removal from the park and coaching for the remainder of the year

Fans/Spectators

Any spectator ejected from a game must immediately leave the Ron Wood Complex. Any spectator refusing to leave the complex in a timely matter, it will be considered a 2nd ejection immediately.

1. 1st ejection. Fan/Spectator is removed from Ron Wood Baseball Complex until the team they are watching plays an additional full game.
2. 2nd ejection in a season. Suspension to be determined from 3 games up to removal for the remaining Baseball season.



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Player

Any player that is ejected from any baseball game, will be required to have a meeting with the League President, VP over Commissioner, Division Commissioner the player is playing in, Head Coach and player parents. This is to determine the length of the suspension if required.

All-Stars

All-Star Players are players selected for outstanding play and talent throughout the season. These teams will then represent the league at all qualifier tournaments, state tournaments, regional tournaments, and national tournaments, including the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth World Series. All-Star coaches will be selected by the Board of Directors based on experience and qualifications. The All-Star parents and players will sign an agreement to the rules of All-Stars and the lack of guaranteed playing time. Parents will be responsible for payment of All-Star fees prior to commencement of play. All-Star fees will be determined by the Executive Board and based on expenses relative to participation in tournaments and uniform expenses. The All-Star program like the league itself must be a self-funding, stand-alone program.

All-Star Player Selection

All-Star players will be selected by a combination of the following:

1. Evaluations from the coaches.
2. All-star coach to watch and evaluate players in regular season games.
3. Tryout. The invite for the tryout will come from the league.

Single/Double Elimination End of Season Tournament

Regular season standings will be kept for the PW7 through Major divisions. The regular season standings will determine the end of season tournament seeding. In the case of a tie in the regular season standings we will use the following tie breaker rules:

1. Overall Division Record
2. Head to head competition*
3. Total Runs allowed
4. Total Runs scored
5. Coin Flip

* (in case of breaking a tie between two teams) – if more than two teams we will move to tie breaker #3

The highest seed will be the home team, if the higher seed remains in the Championship bracket. If the higher seed is coming through the Consolation bracket the home team will be awarded to the Championship bracket team. If a second Championship game is necessary, the highest seeded team will be home team.

All tournament games, except the Championship game, will follow WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken time limit rules.

All Championship games during the tournament will not have a time limit. They will play their regulation game by number of innings.

PW7 & PW8 – 5 innings
Minor & Major – 6 innings

The end of season tournament will be the following for each division:

PW7 – Single Elimination
PW8 – Double Elimination



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Minor - Double Elimination

Major - Double Elimination

Pitching – the pitch counts will reset following each team's final game of the regular season. The end of season tournament will use pitch count rules and will be enforced starting with each team's first game of the end of season tournament.

First and Second place team's will be recognized on the field following the Championship game.

The end of season tournament may be reduced from Double to Single elimination at the league's discretion based on how many rain out make up games that may occur throughout the regular season.

Pre All-Star Tournament

This tournament is to allow All-star teams in our league and other leagues the opportunity to get ready for the District/State Tournaments. The Board will set a price for all teams to participate. A notification and where to register will be forwarded to the State. Schedules for games will be posted if possible 1 week before the tournament begins. The rules for the tournament are:

1. No pre game infield practice
2. Home Team Listed first.
 - a. Home Team will keep official score book/Book provided by Copper Hills
3. Follow Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Rules
4. Pitching rules: Follow Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Pitch counts
5. No new inning after 1:35 drop dead at 1:45. If games reaches drop dead time will revert back to the last completed inning.
6. Mercy rule 10 runs after 4 innings unless the home teams is winning by 10 runs after 3 ½. 8u, 9u & 10u will have 7 runs max per inning.
7. No Malicious contact will be followed.
8. All players on the roster will bat with open substitution.
9. Protest must be made during game and resolved with rules board* before game completion.
10. Any Coach or spectator who is ejected from a game will leave the park immediately. A review with rules committee will determine if additional game suspensions will be served. Multiple ejections can result in disqualification of a team.

*Rules board consists of WJ Copper Hills President, Umpire, on duty board member and the Umpire coordinator.

Tournament Championship seeding:

- 1st pool play record
- 2nd head to head
- 3rd run differential (max per game +/-8)
- 4th Runs Against
- 5th Coin Flip

All other Policies, Procedures and By-Laws

WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken will conform to all national Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken by -laws as outlined unless or until an amendment is approved by the Executive Board members and written into the local policies. Special exceptions to any rule may be made to accommodate any player with disabilities. These must be approved by the Division VP and League President.