1. Team rosters will be turned in 20 minutes prior to starting of the game to the head scorekeeper and the home plate umpire. All rostered players must be on the lineup card whether or not they are present at the game. Managers must have 3 copies of their lineup at every game. One for the opposing team manager, one for the head umpire and one for the official scorekeeper. The scorekeeper must write in the scorebook the reason the player is not playing. Ex: Discipline reasons, attitude, not present.

2. Each team will have 10 minutes of infield practice, home team last.

3. Managers and umpires instructions for ground rules will be 10 minutes before game time.

4. The only persons authorized **in the dugout or on the field** during games are: 1 Rostered Manager, 2 rostered coaches, and bat boy/girl. A team scorekeeper or team mom for that team may be placed in the dugout to help keep the dugout under control.

5. In the event a rostered Manager or Coach is unable to attend a game a replacement may take his/her place on the field with the approval of board member on duty and opposing team manager. Under no circumstances (unless suspended from a game) may a manager or coach sit in the bleachers with the spectators.

6. Home team will occupy third base-line dugout. Visiting team will occupy first base-line dugout. Home team must show up 30 minutes prior to game time to set up the field, and scorekeepers table.(this includes, raking, putting out bases, watering infield if needed and chalking the lines). Home team is also responsible for making sure all equipment including bases and scorer’s tables are put away at the end of the night.

7. All players will stay in the dugouts except batter and man on deck. Bull pen is an exception. Managers/coaches must stay inside the coaches box.

8. Team members are not allowed to go to the concession stand during a game or 20 minutes prior to the start of a game. This applies to bat boy/girl also.

9. Bat boys/girls are registered with the league and must wear a protective helmet at all games and practices.

10. No one shall be allowed on top of the dugouts.

11. Players shall conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.

12. Any player on a team roster and not present at the starting of the game will be handled by the manager or coach.

13. All players will play 2 complete innings every game. **All substitute players must be put in the game at the top of the 3rd inning and will play 2 consecutive innings.** Exceptions: Missing practice, disciplinary reasons, conduct, foul language and his/her attitude. Two innings is considered when a player has played six (6) consecutive defensive outs and has batted once. All managers will be required to discuss with a parent when a child is being benched and the reason for the child being benched.

14. Fair Play Rule Guidelines:

Players may not be substituted two games in a row. Ex. Player is a sub in game one, they must play the entire next game. Unless disciplinary action is being taken and then manager MUST discuss this with Player Agent and/or President

1. NO alcoholic beverages allowed in the park. Tobacco shall not be allowed within the fenced area around all of the playing fields and park. Tobacco shall be allowed out behind the outfield areas and in the parking lots. There are NO exceptions. Managers, coaches and umpires are not allowed to use any tobacco products on the field or in the dugouts. This includes the use of E-Cigarettes and other such devices

16. All managers will be required to discuss with the player agent before benching a player and the reason for the child being benched.

17. The throwing of equipment at practices and games will not be tolerated in this league. During a game if the manager or coach does not take care of the equipment throwing then the umpire will. Offending players will be removed from the game immediately. This will be handled on a case by case basis.

18. Any person who warms up a pitcher **MUST** wear a catcher’s mask.

19. Players are not allowed to sit in the bleachers with their parents during a game.

20. No food or drinks allowed in the dugouts. Except water, sports drink, gum and sunflower seeds. The only exceptions made are kids with medical conditions.

21. No manager or coach will umpire in his/her own division unless every other alternative has been exhausted and with approval from the head umpire.

22. At the beginning of the season a meeting will be held with the managers, coaches and the umpires to explain and go over the Cal Ripken Babe Ruth rules.

23. The board will select the tournament team managers. The managers will select his/her 2 coaches with board approval. Letters expressing interest in managing all-star teams must be turned into the league president or player agent by May 1st.

24. No manager or coach will be allowed to hit the ball (in the batters box) if a team member is pitching off the pitchers mound.

25. Any pitcher who hits 2 consecutive batters or 3 non consecutive batters in the same inning must be pulled from the game as a pitcher. There are no exceptions to this rule.

26. There will be a 2 hour time limit on all games. Games ending in a tie will be a ½ win and a ½ loss. The 10 run rule will be in effect after 3 ½ or 4 innings are completed. Home team must be ahead by 10 runs to stop the game at the 3 ½ inning mark. If visiting team is ahead then home team gets their last at bat. NO NEW INNING SHALL START AFTER THE 2 HOUR TIME LIMIT. ALL GAMES WILL BE CONSIDERED REGULATION GAMES NO MATTER HOE MANY INNINGS HAVE BEEN PLAYED IN THE TWO HOUR TIME LIMIT HAS EXPIRED. If an inning begins with 15 minutes or less left in the 2 hour time limit that inning is an open inning. 6 run rule is in effect for any inning unless open inning or the 6th inning. If any inning is started prior to the two hour limit, the inning must be completed, unless home team is ahead. No 7th inning play is allowed.

27. All make up games will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

28. The Babe Ruth League, Inc re-entry rule is in effect for all players.

29. If a starting player is injured or ejected from the game after all your substitute players are used then a substitute may re-enter in the same batting order for the remainder of the game.

30. Each team is allowed to get together up to 6 times a week. 3 times a week is mandatory (2 times for t-ball) with the other 3 days being optional. No more than 3 games will be scheduled in one week. **NO MANDATORY PRACTICING ON SUNDAYS** (except for tournament time).

31. There will be a 2 ½ hour time limit on all practices.

32. All equipment belonging to the league will not be altered or new equipment purchased unless the board approves it.

33. All protests or disputes will be settled by the Board of Directors.

34. All managers, coaches and parents must sign a code of conduct. And managers must

sign a manager’s expectations form.

35. Any manager or coach ejected from a game for any reason shall also be banned from his/her team’s next played game. She/he will be allowed in the bleachers provided that he/she does not interfere with his/her team in any way. Interference from the stands will result in ejection from the park. The board of directors will examine on a case by case basis.

36. No Spectator at any time shall:

A) Incite or try to incite, by word or signal, a demonstration by other spectators.

B) Use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, managers, coaches & umpires or any other spectator.

C) Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team’s spectators. First infringement will result in a warning by the umpire. Second infringement will result in manager being ejected from the game and park. Subsequent infringements will result in forfeiture of the game by offending team.

37. All teams will be required to supply the snack bar with volunteers for during their assigned days throughout the season. No one under 16 years of age will be allowed to work or be in the concession stand with out an adult present to supervise. Any team failing to show up for their assigned day will result in disciplinary action by the board. The manager will be suspended for the next scheduled game.

38. An optional pinch runner will be allowed for a catcher on base with 2 outs, this would allow the catcher time to put his gear back on minimizing the delay of the game. The pinch runner can enter the game at the second out, and must be a benched sub.

39. There will be 10 players placed in the batting order. The 10th player must also get their two inning played defensively.

40. No game will be called due to weather prior to scheduled start time. The only exception will be in the park has been closed due to weather.

**Conduct**

**THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF CAL RIPKEN/ BABE RUTH BASEBALL**

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul

Develop a strong urge for sportsman like conduct

Develop understanding of and respect of the RULES

Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory

Develop control over emotions and speech

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play

Develop into real true CITIZENS

Remember that this sport should always be FUN, SAFE AND FAIR.