



CALDWELL LIGHT THE NIGHT ALL-STAR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, PRESENTED BY DICK'S SPORTING GOODS

CALDWELL, IDAHO JUNE 23-25, 2022

AGE DIVISIONS: 8/9U-60'S, 10U-60'S, 11U-70'S, 12U-70'S

**MEMORIAL/FENRICH/ARMORY FIELDS - 618 IRVING STREET
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RULES OF PLAY

The 2022 Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Official Regulations and Play Rules will govern the conduct and operation of the tournament with the exceptions listed below:

1. Players: An official roster must be supplied to the Tournament Director upon request. This roster must include player names, jersey numbers and birth dates. The players' ages are based on their age as of April 30, 2022. Players Birth Certificates must be furnished upon request to the Tournament Director to confirm eligibility of a player.

2. Teams: A maximum of 14 players on roster. Teams ARE allowed, but not required to bat an EH or Multiple EH's

3. Visits to the mound: A second visit to the mound per pitcher, during that inning, requires removing that pitcher from the mound.

4. Time limits:

9-10U Cal Ripken games will consist of six (6) innings. No new inning will start AT 1 hour and 30 minutes for pool play. NO Drop dead. Ties are allowed in pool play. During *Championship Rounds (Bracket Play)* ties will be played out until a winner is determined. MLB rules apply to ties with last out of previous inning starting on second base. All games are subject to a ten (10) run rule after 4 complete innings of play, a fifteen (15) run rule after 3 complete innings of play. **Time limit will be enforced on semifinal games, but there will be no time limit in championship games.**

11U-12U: Cal Ripken games will consist of six (6) innings. No new inning will start AT 1 hour and 45 minutes for pool play. NO Drop dead. Ties are allowed in pool play. During *Championship Rounds (Bracket Play)* ties will be played out until a winner is determined. MLB rules apply to ties with last out of previous inning starting on second base. All games are subject to a ten (10) run rule after 4 complete innings of play, a fifteen (15) run rule after 3 complete innings of play. **Time limit will be enforced on semifinal games, but there will be no time limit in championship games.**

5. Pitchers: Pitchers cannot throw more than 3 innings in one game. The delivery of a single pitch to a batter constitutes having pitched an inning. The official score keeper will be assigned to the home team and will keep track of innings pitched in the official scorebook. The starting pitcher can re-enter once as the pitcher as long as he has not been substituted for, is still in the game's lineup, was removed between innings, and did not throw 3 innings in the same game. **No pitcher will throw more than 9 innings max**

during the entire tournament and No more than 5 innings pitched in one day. Each coach will be asked to fill out a pitching affidavit that is signed by each opponent at the end of each contest.

6. Base Runners (9-10U): Base runners cannot leave the base until the pitched ball reaches the plate. Upon violation, the runner will immediately be called out and the pitch will be ruled a "dead ball", regardless of the action of the batter. All runners may advance, at their own risk, on a pass ball or wild pitch. A courtesy runner IS allowed for the catcher with 2 outs in any inning. The designated runner shall be the batter which made the previous out.

*Balks will be called in the 11U-12U Divisions). All balk warnings will be the discretion of the umpire.

7. Delay of game: Each team will have a five (5) minute grace period prior to forfeiture, unless preceding game necessitates delay. If there is a forfeit the score going into the books will be 7-0. Teams must field nine (9) players from their official roster during the entire game. There will be no infield taken prior to the start of each game.

8. Substitutions: Coaches will inform the plate umpire and the Official Score Keeper of all substitutions. Any of the nine (9) starters may withdraw and re-enter the game once, provided the player occupies the same batting position whenever that player is in the game.

9. Speed up Rule: The catcher may be substituted for a base runner at any time. The substitute base runner will be the LAST batted out or a player not in the lineup. The catcher MUST be the catcher of record from the last half inning.

10. Players/Coaches on the Field: All non-field players must be in the dugouts. For the batting team, the batboy will be allowed on the field to retrieve a bat. All other team members, except the batter and the on-deck batter, must remain in the dugout. Each team will be allowed two (2) adult base coaches. The on-deck batter will be positioned to the back of the batter at the plate.

11. Lineup: Each team is allowed, but not required, to bat the entire lineup, allowing for free substitutions. If a player is removed due to injury, no out is recorded in that batting spot. If a player is ejected, then an out is recorded in that spot. If a team doesn't bat the entire lineup, then free substitutions are not allowed and must follow Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth substitution rules.

12. Home Team Designation/ Official Score Keeper: Coin toss before start time will determine home team during pool play, team that traveled the farthest to the game site will call the toss. Home team will be responsible to keep the official book. The higher seeded team is the home team during all bracket play.

13. Additional play rules:

- ☐ Infield Fly rule is in effect.
- ☐ Slide Rule, as defined by the Cal Ripken Rule Book will be in effect at all times. No restrictions on head first slides.
- ☐ Bats must be stamped USA Baseball or USSSA. All barrel sizes are accepted (13-U / Babe Ruth Division, -3).
- ☐ Dropped third strike rule is not in effect for 9u & 10u divisions
- ☐ Slash Bunting is not allowed (Square to bunt, pulling back, and taking a swing). If a slash bunt is attempted (whether hit or not), by a team the ball will be ruled dead and the batter is out.
- ☐ All players when at bat or on base must wear a batting helmet.
- ☐ Catchers must wear appropriate protective gear.
- ☐ No metal cleats are allowed in the Cal Ripken Divisions (9u-12u).

14. Protests: There will be no protests allowed; the umpires decision is final.

15. Umpire's Ejection Rule: Any player, Coach, team personnel or fan ejected by an Umpire or Tournament Official during the Tournament shall be prohibited from further participation in any capacity from the tournament unless reinstated by the Tournament Director. Unsportsmanlike conduct by anyone, in whatever form, will NOT be tolerated.

16. Tiebreakers to determine seeding:

- 1) Record in Pool play + 4) Run differential (10 runs maximum per game)
- 2) Head to Head matchup
- 3) Runs allowed
- 4) Run differential (10 runs maximum per game)
- 5) Runs scored
- 6) Coin flip, winner receives the higher seed

16. Batting Cages: The batting cages will NOT be available at Memorial Park

Rules for Coaches/Fans Only the Head Coach may discuss calls with any umpire. Everyone is expected to treat umpires respectfully. Questions of rule application may be discussed calmly with the umpire by only the head coach. The umpire's judgment calls shall not be questioned. The umpire's decision is final. The Head Coach is responsible for the conduct of his players, assistant coaches, scorekeeper, and spectators. The use of foul language or abusive treatment of umpires or the opposing team will NOT be tolerated and the Head Coach is expected to take appropriate actions with their team. Head Coaches, assistant coaches, players & spectators may be ejected by the umpire without warning for:

- Abusive treatment of umpires
- Touching an umpire in any way that would not be considered accidental
- Unnecessarily delaying the game
- Instigating and promoting unsportsmanlike conduct
- Drinking alcoholic beverages within the complex or participating in a game under-the-influence
- Involvement in any physical confrontations

All ejections will immediately be review by the Tournament Director to determine if further disciplinary action is appropriate.

Alcohol/Smoking/Vaping or the use of tobacco is **not** permitted anywhere on the grounds of Ustick or Memorial Park.

AGAIN, to reinforce:

Head Coaches are the ONLY ones allowed to talk to umpires. It is the head coach's responsibility to keep his teams assistant coaches, players and spectators/fans under control at all times. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture and even elimination from the tournament. (Once the tournament starts, there will be NO refunds issued if a team is asked to leave due to an unruly parent, spectator/fan, coach or player).

Alcohol is NOT allowed in Caldwell City Parks per city ordinance.

Just as an FYI and due to incidents in prior years, Uniformed Caldwell Police Department officers will be patrolling both Ustick & Memorial complexes during our tournament.