

Our Mission Statement:

The Marshall County Youth Baseball/Softball League program, using regulation competitive baseball and softball rules, teaches skills, mental and physical development, a respect for the rules of the game and basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play. In all aspects, MCYBS League is committed to providing our participants the very best educational, sports experience possible. It is our fundamental belief that every child with a desire to play baseball or softball be afforded that opportunity.

*Mission Statement taken from official Babe Ruth handbook and revised to meet the requirements of MCYBS.

If for some unforeseen reason MCYBS League would dissolve causing the league to completely close, all money would be turned over to the City of Lewisburg Recreation Board.

1. GROUNDSKEEPER OR FIELDSMAN

We recommend that the President appoint a Field Committee to be approved by the Board of Directors. This committee would be in charge of interviewing candidates for the position of groundskeeper and recommending such candidates to the Board for their approval. The groundskeeper will be responsible for making recommendations to the Board for purchase of any items needed for the care of or improvements to the playing field or adjoining areas. We recommend these conditions and duties for the groundskeeper.

1. Must be at least 21 years of age.
2. Will be responsible for winterizing the park.
3. Must keep grass mowed on the infield and outfield.
4. Must keep outfield fence and area around the concession stand and adjoining field mowed and trimmed.
5. Must clean and stock bathrooms each day games are played.
6. Must line off entire field before the first game each day/night, including coaches' boxes.
7. Must drag field before next game day and must take up bases each time before dragging field.
8. Will be responsible for maintaining needed supplies, such as chalk for marking field.
9. Must keep dugouts clean. The dugouts must be cleaned thoroughly at least once a week.
10. Will be responsible for the care and maintenance of equipment used to take care of the field (mowers, shovel, etc)
11. The tenure for groundskeeper is January 1st through December 31st.
12. Will be responsible for the maintenance of the scoreboards (changing bulbs. Etc)
13. Miscellaneous duties as designated by the field committee.
14. Inventory all equipment.
15. It will be the groundskeeper's responsibility to hire his own help to maintain all four fields.
16. The Board of Directors must approve all purchases in excess of \$100.00.
17. Groundskeeper Crew shall be paid a total of \$10,000 per year.

2. GROUND RULES FOR ALL FIELDS

1. During regular playing time (while ball is in play) the managers and coaches will remain behind the protective screen in the dugout area.
(Exceptions: During time-out and to warm up pitchers.)
2. A pitcher must get time-out to go to the bullpen and must get time-out to return to the dugout.
3. Coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers.
4. There will be no bat-person(s).

3. GENERAL RULES

1. By-laws and playing rules must be made under the following conditions:
 - a. There must be a majority of the Board of Directors present; a majority of those present must vote in favor of making the changes.
 - b. Revisions to the by-laws should be made by the beginning of the season.
 - c. In order for the by-laws to be changed at any other time than the start of the season, the attending Board members must be present and in agreement of any changes.
2. Refer to the Cal Ripken Rule Book for rules not covered in by-laws.
3. Final approval and dismissals of umpires will be left up to the Board of Directors. The umpire in question has a right to come in front of the board and appeal. The league president has the power to dismiss an umpire in an emergency situation.
4. There will be a MANDATORY MEETING with umpire and managers of each league before the season begins.
5. No schedule changes in any league will be made unless approved by the Board of the Directors. This does not include rainouts.
6. There will be no glass containers allowed in the dugouts.
7. Games postponed due to rain.
 - a. If the first night game is postponed, no other games will be played that night. If the second night game is postponed, the third night game will not be played.
 - b. Games will be called in accordance with the rule book, except as stipulated in the by-laws. Games rained out on any given date must be rescheduled to be played on the the next available date.
8. The Board of Directors will approve all Cal Ripken Major, Minor, Rookie, T-ball, Major Girls, and Minor Girls managers, coaches, and sponsors by paper ballot or show of hands.
9. All coaches must dress in proper attire. No open toed shoes allowed on the field.
10. When umpires are ready to start, coaches have ten minutes to have nine players take the field.
11. The League is not required to take bids on any purchase; however, should the League choose to take bids, it has the right to reject any and all bids.
12. Any vendor wanting to sell good inside the ball park area will be asked to pay a % of their profits or a flat fee as designated by the Board of Directors.
13. Umpire and scorekeeper will set and announce official time.
14. All catchers must wear a catcher's mitt in player pitch games. Any glove may be used for coach pitch games. All catchers in boys' games must be equipped with a protective cup.
15. The Richard Cashion Little League Park is a smoke free, tobacco free environment.
16. All managers, coaches, team moms, umpire, scorekeepers, and league official must undergo a background check. This will involve completing an application form and submitting photo copy of a government issued photo identification. Each application will be checked with public criminal and/or sex offenders' registries. No one will be approved without a completed, verified application.
17. Two umpires are required in all player pitch games when enough umpires are available.
18. All coaches must pass the coaches test to be eligible to take a team to a tournament. Once the test has been passed, the test is good for a lifetime.

19. When a meeting is called an attempt must be made to contact all board members so they can be present. A majority of the board must be present to finalize any decisions unless it is an emergency situation. The president of the board has the authority to call a meeting and make decisions in the event of an emergency with any board members immediately available. If the situation warrants an appeal, the individuals in question may request an appeal in front of the entire board.
20. There will be no refund given for any reason after the draft.

4. DRAFT – ALL LEAGUES

1. Sons or daughters of managers and or coaches:
 - a. A first year manager must take his child in the first round of the draft.
 - b. A manager must have managed two or more consecutive years in Marshall County Youth Baseball/Softball league to protect his/her child. This child is protected until the second round.

*Consecutive year's means: (1) the current year counts as the second year if needed. (2) The manager must have managed the previous year.
 - c. Managers must state if they are protecting a player at the beginning of the draft.
2. Brothers and/ or sisters: Refer to the Operating Manual.
3. Players re-entering the draft;
 - a. Players already assigned to a team who wish to re-enter the draft must complete a new registration form and must mark on the form that they wish to re-enter the draft to be placed on a different team.
4. Present at the draft for Cal Ripken Major League Boys and Girls: The League President, League Vice President, Player Agent, Manager, and Coach (if already had team).
5. MCYBS League will have a minimum of two try-outs one draft for each league.
6. To determine order of draft:
 - a. Method of draft will be face up draft.
 - b. Order of draft will be first to last/last to first. Each team will draw a number for position in the draft.
 - c. Managers may choose players from either group within his division.
 - d. Exception to the order of the draft-expansion team.

Expansion team gets the same number of picks as the team who has the highest number of returning players, not to exceed five. His/her child is included in this pick. Then managers will draw numbers for positions.
7. Managers will be allowed to trade players at the draft only. Two players will be allowed to be traded. League Vice President and Player Agent must approve the trade.
8. Any child that signs up after draft must be approved by the Vice President of that League, Vice President of the League and President of the League. They will be the ones to make the decision to add a player to any team.
9. All leagues: All players must play 2 innings in the field and 1 at bat.

An exception to the mandatory play rule will occur if a team has a roster of 15 or more players. In this case, all players must play 1 inning in the field and 1 at bat.

5. TEAMS

1. Any manager who loses over two players during a season must come before the League President, Vice President of the manager's league, and Player Agent to explain the loss or further action could be taken by the Board.
2. If a manager loses a player, he has one week to notify the Player Agent, or further action could be taken.
3. If an eligible player declines to move up to a Major League team, in addition to forfeiture of further eligibility in the Cal Ripken Major division for the current season, player must be moved to a different team within his/her division.
4. Expansion Teams (refer to current year rule book):
 - a. Expansion team gets the same number of picks as the team who has the highest number of returning players, not to exceed five. .
 - b. If a manager has a child eligible to play in that league, his/her child will be included in that pick.
5. If a player misses four or more consecutive games, the player and his/her parents must appear before the Board to explain the absences. Failure to attend this meeting will result in the removal of the player from the team.

6. PLAYOFF GAMES – ALL LEAGUES

First place is determined by overall record regardless of division of play.

1. There will be a playoff in the event two or more teams are tied for first place. It will be one game playoff to be played on the first available day or night that both teams have. **WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Playoffs – Three teams tied for first place:

Each team will be assigned a number and a drawing will be held to determine which team receives a bye for the playoffs. The two teams that do not receive a bye will play on the first available day after both of the teams have had at least one days rest. The bye team will then play the winner of the first game on the first available day after both teams have had at least one days rest.
3. Head to head (regular season) competition will determine second place tie. Any playoff games will be played if necessary as determined by the Board of Directors.
4. Tie-breaker for position other than first will be determined by runs scored vs. runs given up.

7. CAL RIPKEN T-BALL: 5 & 6 YEAR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS

1. 5 innings will be played. One hour time limit. Once the inning has started, the game will be called when a team cannot mathematically catch up.
2. No scrimmages will be played after season starts.
3. Only five coaches, including team moms, scorekeeper, etc. are allowed in the dugout during playing time.
4. Three coaches will be in the outfield while on defense.

5. No more than four practices per week before the season starts. Only two practices a week after the season starts. Practice time will be limited to 2 hours per practice.
6. Outfielders must stay on the grass until the ball is hit.
7. No infield fly rule.
8. Tee will be optional with a maximum of 6 pitches/swings or 3 strikes. If a player is going to hit off a tee, the tee must be used from the beginning of the "at bat". Roster must state if a child will be coach pitch or hitting off the tee. Removal of the tee is the coaches responsibility, with warning 1st time, child called out the 2nd time.
9. A 15 foot arch will apply.
10. Pitching Coach: If coach pitches, he/she must pitch from 15 feet. Violation of 15 feet will result in an automatic strike called. Strikes will be called each time a coach is in violation. The coach must move into foul territory after the ball is hit. First offense is a warning. Second and subsequent offenses the batter is out, dead ball no runners advance.
11. Overthrown ball at first base. If the ball hits the fence, only one base will be awarded. If the ball doesn't hit the fence, the runner advances until the umpire calls time.
12. After 3rd out in the 5th inning, any players that have not batted at least one time will bat. These runs will not count.
13. If the batter slings the bat, that batter will receive one warning. The second time, the batter will be called out.
14. The umpire calls time when the lead runner stops.
15. In cases of a tie game after 5 innings, the game will end in a tie. No extra innings will be played.
16. The defensive pitchers must have 1 foot inside the circle and must wear face protection (game face or helmet with a face guard).
17. Once the line-up is turned in, no changes can be made unless a player is sick.
18. If a player gets sick, the line-up steps up one position. The sick player will not be permitted to return to the game.
19. Late players must be added to the bottom of the line-up.
20. No infield practice allowed during warm-up in T-ball
21. A team must have at least eight players to play a game.
22. To appeal a missed base: Once the ball is dead and before the next play begins, the defensive coach must call time out and appeal to the umpire. The call is made at the umpire's discretion and to the best of his/her ability.
23. All players must play in the field and follow a continuous batting order.
24. Draft: Boys and girls must be drafted equally per team by drafting one gender first and then the other.
25. Bat maximum of 10 batters per inning. Continuous batting order. 10 run limit.

8. CAL RIPKEN ROOKIE 7 & 8 YEAR OLD BOYS

1. A game will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour and 20 minute time limit.
2. Pitching will be coach pitch. Must pitch from at least 25 feet. Player pitcher must have 1 foot inside circle.
3. Pitching coach: The coach must go into foul territory after the ball is hit. First offense is a warning. Second and subsequent offenses the batter is out, dead ball, no runners advance.

4. No infield fly rule.
5. No bunting.
6. No base stealing allowed.
7. Continuous batting order.
8. No more the 4 coaches, including team mom, allowed in dugout.
9. To appeal a missed base; once the ball is dead and before the next play begins, the defensive coach must call time out and appeal to the umpire. The call is made at the umpire's discretion and to the best of his/her ability.
10. See official rule book for run limits.
11. Pitchers must wear face protection.

9. CAL RIPKEN MINOR – 9 & 10 YEAR OLD BOYS

1. Pitching will be player pitch.
2. Allowed to steal any base.
3. A game will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minute time limit.
4. See official rule book for pitching guidelines.
5. No more than 3 coaches, including team mom, allowed in dugout.
6. 2 adult base coaches allowed.
7. 5 run limit for each inning.

10. CAL RIPKEN MAJOR BOYS BASEBALL 11 & 12 YEAR OLD BOYS

1. See official Cal Ripken rule book for pitching guidelines.
2. Will play by Cal Ripken rules.
3. No more than 3 coaches, including team mom, allowed in dug out.
4. Games will consist of 6 innings or a 1 hour and 50 minute time limit. Inning started will be completed.
5. There will be a 10 man batting order unless other team has less than 10 players.
6. All players will play 6 outs and 1 at bat. Subs can re-enter but must go back into original batting order. Free substitution on defense.

11. BABE RUTH MINOR GIRLS SOFTBALL– 7 & 8 YEAR OLD GIRLS

1. Pitching will be coach pitch. Coach must pitch from at least 25 feet. Coach must keep 1 foot inside pitcher's circle.
2. Pitching coach: The coach must go into into foul territory after the ball is hit. First offense is a warning. Second and subsequent offenses the batter is out, dead ball and no runners advance.
3. 2 adult base coaches allowed. No more than 4 coaches, including team mom, allowed in dugout.
4. Playing time will be 1 hour and 20 minutes.
5. No inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. If an inning has started it must be finished.
6. No base stealing
7. No infield fly rule.

8. To appeal a missed base: Once the ball is dead and before the next play begins, the defensive coach must call time out and appeal to the umpire. The call is made at the umpire's discretion and to the best of his/her ability.
9. 5 run per inning. 10 players batting. Game ends when other team cannot mathematically catch up.
10. Pitchers must wear face protection.
11. Continuous batting order.
12. 10 players on the field. Four outfielders must be in the grass until ball is hit.
13. Batting helmets must have a face guard.

12. BABE RUTH MINOR GIRLS SOFTBALL – 9 & 10 YEAR OLD GIRLS

1. Pitching will be player pitch.
2. Pitchers can pitch no more than 10 innings per week (Sun-Sat)
3. Game will be 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minute time limit. Inning started will be finished.
4. 5 run limit for each inning.
5. 2 adult base coaches allowed. No more than 3 coaches, including team mom allowed in dugout.
6. Softball used in games must have raised seams.
7. E.H. will be a coach's decision.
8. Coaches do not have to wear face mask when warming up pitchers.
9. Batting helmets must have a faced guard.
10. No 3rd strike drop.
11. Stealing: Runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate. If the runner leaves the base early they will be called out. All bases can be stolen.
12. 10 players on the field. Four outfielders must be in grass until ball is hit.

13. BABE RUTH MAJOR GIRLS SOFTBALL–11 & 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS.

1. Pitching will be player pitch.
2. Pitchers can pitched no more than 10 innings per week (Sun – Sat)
3. Game will be 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minute time limit. Inning started will be finished.
4. 5 run limits in first 5 innings, 10 run limits in 6th inning: extra innings revert to 5 run limits. Game ends if one team is 10 runs ahead after four innings or 15 runs ahead after three innings.
5. 2 adult base coaches. No more than 3 coaches, including team mom in dugout.
6. Softballs used in games must have a raised seam.
7. E. H. will be coach's decision.
8. Coaches do not have to wear face mask while warming up pitchers.
9. Batting helmets must have a face guard.
10. 3rd strike drop rule. Runner can run if 1st base is unoccupied on 3rd strike. 2 outs runners can run.
11. Stealing: Runners may steal when ball leave the pitcher's hand. May steal any base. If runner leaves the base early, they will be called out.
12. 9 players on the field.

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14. BABE RUTH SENIOR LEAGUE GIRLS SOFTBALL-13-16 YEAR OLD GIRLS

1. Pitching will be player pitch.
2. See official Babe Ruth rule book for pitching guidelines.
3. Game will be 7 innings or 2 hour time limit. Inning started will be finished.
4. Game ends if one team is 10 runs ahead after fourth inning or eight runs ahead after the fifth inning.
5. 2 adult base coaches. No more than 3 coaches, including team mom in dugout.
6. Softballs used in games must have a raised seam.
7. E. H. will be coach's decision.
8. Coaches do not have to wear face mask when warming up pitcher.
9. Batting helmets must have a face guard.
10. 3rd strike drop rule. Runners can run if 1st base is unoccupied on 3rd strike. 2 outs runner can run.
11. Stealing: Runners may steal when ball leaves the pitcher's hand. May steal any base. If runner leaves the base early they will be called out.
12. 9 players on the field.

15. ALL STARS

1. All star managers will be elected by the Board of Directors from a pool of interested managers and coaches.
2. All star managers will choose his/her own coaching staff. All coaches/staff must have coached in MCYBS during the regular season.
3. All Star Voting
 - All Leagues – It is mandatory that managers or a team representative (selected by the manger) be present in order to vote for All-Stars. Only on representative from each team will be allowed to be present at the All-Star vote. If there is a tie, a call for a re-vote will be taken. If there are two ties, the All-Star manager will break it.
 - Cal Ripken Major – All Major League managers will vote. The League Vice President, managers, and Player Agent will meet and discuss All-Star selections.
 - Cal Ripken Minor – All Minor League managers will vote. The League Vice President, managers, and Player Agent will meet and discuss All-Star selections.
 - Babe Ruth Girls – All League Managers will get one vote. The League Vice President, manager, and Player Agent will meet and discuss All-Star selections.
4. The President will appoint an All-Star committee on the first week of May. This committee will consist of four people. The committee will bring back rules and regulations for All-Star teams to the Board of Directors. The committee shall draw up specific types of caps/visors to be used by the All-Star teams. This committee will also collect bids on such items, if the league chooses to obtain bids.
5. The President and Vice President of each league will meet with the All-Star managers, coaches and parents after All-Star teams are announced or before the first practice.
6. All fundraisers must be approved by the Board (including All-Star team fundraisers). Any funds raised must be deposited in an account held by MCYBS. These funds will be disbursed to the team representative before travel. All checks for donations must be made payable to MCYBS.

7. An All-Star team must win their state tournament in order to spend any funds they have raised for tournament travel on personal items such as jackets, rings, or trophies. Any funds raised and not used to cover expenses (by a team not winning the state) shall be returned to an account held by The League for use by the next tournament bound team. For example, funds raised for the use by the 11 & 12 year old softball teams would be held for the next 11 & 12 year old softball team to use for tournament expenses.
8. All managers are expected to take a team until the team is eliminated from tournament play.
9. Uniforms for All-Stars must consist in some way of traditional colors which are orange, blue and white.

16. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. Any adult, including coaches, managers, and umpires, fighting on the MCYBS League premises will be barred from the premises for 30 days for the first offences. A second offense will result in being permanently barred from the field. They will be unable to participate in practice during this time, including All-Stars.
2. When a manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game, they shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is suspended from his or her team's next physically played game but may be in attendance at the game site from which they are suspended.
3. If a Board member misses in excess of 2 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, they can be excused with legitimate reason. The Board will decide if this applies.
4. A manager or coach who has been notified by the scorekeeper that all his/her players have not played and then intentionally does not play those players is subject to disciplinary action by the Board, which may include forfeiture of the game or a one game suspension. Shortened games would not be affected.
5. Failure on the part of a manager or coach to participate in any league fundraiser will result in the manager or coach being called to appear before the Board. This is to encourage active participation in all league activities by managers and coaches.
6. If a manager or coach fails to shake hands with opposing team's manager or coach at the end of a game, that manager or coach will appear before the three member panel for disciplinary action.
7. Any team scheduled to work the concession stand will forfeit a win if a minimum of 5 workers are not in place at the appointed time. There must be at least 2 adults and no more than 5 people in the concession at a time. No one under the age of 13 is allowed in the concession stand.

BOARD POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President	In charge of Board and all aspects of the league and park.
Vice President	In charge of Board and fills in for President when needed.
Secretary	Records minutes and keeps official records of all meetings.
Treasurer	In charge of all financial reporting and transactions.
Concession Manager	In charge of all aspects of the concession stand: stocking, purchasing, etc.
Boys Player Agent	Responsible for all boy players in the entire league.
Girls Player Agent	Responsible for all girl players in the entire league
VP Cal Ripken Major	Responsible for recruiting and handling coaches/teams for Cal Ripken Major.
VP Cal Ripken Minor	Responsible for recruiting and handling coaches/teams for Cal Ripken Minor.
VP Cal Ripken Rookie	Responsible for recruiting and handling coaches/teams for Cal Ripken Rookie.
VP T-ball	Responsible for recruiting and handling coaches/teams for T-ball.
VP Softball	Responsible for recruiting and handling coaches/teams for softball
Safety Officer	Responsible for all injury forms/claims and overall safety of the league.
Auxiliary Chair	Responsible for securing sponsors/funds for all teams. Also responsible for league fees, fundraiser, and picture sales.
Field Rep.	Responsible for all field/park maintenance, as stated in section 1 of the by-laws.

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