



## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EGYB-LYB CAL RIPKEN CHALLENGE



### 2024 TOURNAMENT RULES

#### FIELD ADDRESSES:

- **RAU PARK:**  
Fields – Rau #1, Rau #2, Rau #3  
8795 Elk Grove-Florin Road (Sheldon Rd/Elk Grove Florin Rd)
- **STEPHENSON PARK:**  
5511 Dorcey Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95757
- **WILLARD PARK:**  
9650 Cresleigh Pkwy, Elk Grove, CA 95757
- **MORSE PARK:**  
Fields – Herd, Wildcat, Cardinal, Wolfpack  
5540 Bellaterra Drive (corner of Fire Poppy and Bellaterra)

**\*\*\*No outside food at Jan Rau Park and Morse Park. Ice Chests with ice and water only are permitted.\*\*\***

**ROSTERS:** Maximum of 15 players

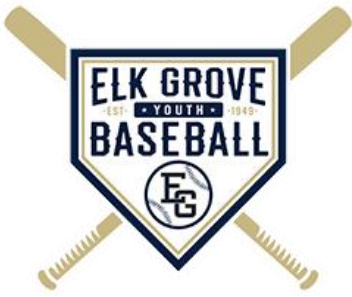
**GAME TIMES:** No new inning may begin after **1 hour and 40 minutes** (inning starts when the last recorded out is made of the home team).

There is no “drop dead” time. Once an inning has started it will be completed.

Games can end in a tie if time has expired, except for any playoff or championship game. Playoff (seeding) games will utilize the international tie breaker after time has expired (last recorded out from previous inning starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> base).

Delay tactics will not be tolerated and may subject a team to a forfeit. The plate umpire has discretion.

**GENERAL:** 2024 Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Division rules shall apply where not defined specifically in these rules.



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### PITCHING:

Coaches are reminded to be responsible when it comes to pitching and are encouraged to monitor the number of pitches thrown by all pitchers to avoid injuries.

The following pitch count limitations will apply:

Age	Daily Max Pitches	0 Days Rest	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest
7-8	2 Innings per Game and cannot throw more than 3 games in a row (Including Doubleheaders)			
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+

1. There will be no limit to the number of innings pitched for ages 9-12, only the number of pitches thrown.
2. Daily Maximum Pitch Limit and Days Rest Limit can be spread over multiple games on the same day. (I.e., a 9U pitcher may throw 23 pitches in Game 1 and 17 Pitches in Game 2 and still be eligible to pitch the next day).
3. If the pitcher reaches the daily limit or a rest limit while facing their final batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out. The recorded pitch count shall revert to the threshold limit.
4. Both teams are responsible for counting pitches for both sides and must have a coach report to the umpire at the end of every half inning to reconcile pitches thrown. Any discrepancy will be settled by the umpire and his decision will be final and the pitch count of record. The umpire will record the official pitch count on the game card and turn it into tournament officials.
5. Mounds are 50 feet for 12/70 and 11/70, 46 feet for 8U, 9U, and 10U.

**The starting pitcher may re-enter as a pitcher only if they are removed on the 1<sup>st</sup> visit to the mound or removed after the end of the first defensive inning.**



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### **SLIDING:**

Baserunners must slide when the defensive player has the ball or is ready to make a play. Failure to do so (in the umpire's judgment), may result in an out, ejection, or both.

### **LINE-UP:**

Teams may bat their entire line-up up to 15. Any nine (9) can play defensive (free defensive substitution for those players in the current batting order).

### **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

Any starter may re-enter once back into the game, but must be placed in the same position in the batting order that they started in.

### **MERCY RULE:**

15 run rule in effect after 3 innings (2 ½ for home team),  
10 run rule in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ for home team),  
8 run rule in effect after 5 innings (4 ½ for home team) for all games.

### **PROTESTS:**

Any protest shall be resolved before the game continues. Only rule infractions are subject to protest. The Tournament Coordinator shall render the final decision. Contact Richard Hutchinson at (916) 548-7180 for Rau/Amundsen or Dawnielle Meier at (916) 275-7044 for Morse Park.

### **BASEBALLS:**

1 new and 1 good used baseball provided for each game.

### **BATS:**

**Bats must have the USA Bat Stamp – and USA Bat stamped big barrels are allowed. No USSSA, 1.15 bpf bats allowed. Easton Ghost 30 (-10) 2-Piece Composite Bat has been decertified and will not be allowed.**

### **COURTESY RUNNERS:**

Allowed for the pitcher and catcher who assumed those positions as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> out from the previous half of the inning. Any player not currently in the line-up can courtesy run once in any inning or the last recorded out if all players are in the line-up.

**NO INFIELD PRACTICE ALLOWED (be ready to play at your game time)**

### **POOL PLAY:**



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Home team determined by a coin flip. Home team will be the official scorekeeper for the game.

### **SEEDING GAMES:**

Higher seed is home team. If both teams are seeded the same, a coin flip will determine Home team.

### **Cleats:**

No metal cleats allowed in any division.

### **Scores:**

**The home team shall be the Official Score Book. Each team shall report their game score and pitching to the league representative on-site immediately following their game.**

### **TEAM INSURANCE**

Each team shall provide proof of team insurance, either from your league or individual team prior to the first game.

Alcohol or smoking (to include all tobacco products) is not allowed in or around any of the playing fields.

### **Seedings from pool play are determined utilizing the following order:**

1. Best record
2. Head-to-head (2-way ties only)
3. Least number of runs allowed (3-way ties or more)
4. Run differential (3-way ties or more). Run differential max is 10/game.
5. If a tie still exists, a coin flip will be utilized (2 way tie) or blind draw (3 way +)