SARASOTA

CAL RIPKEN CLASSIC

13U–16U TOURNAMENT RULES

AT A GLANCE

13U–16U: 60/90 open base; metal spikes permitted. No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes. Pool play can end in a tie; bracket games use the Texas Tie Breaker. Run rules: 12 after 4, 10 after 5, or 8 after 6 innings.

COMPLETE TOURNAMENT RULES

01 FIELD DIMENSIONS & CLEATS

13U–16U: 60/90 open base. Metal spikes are permitted.

02 TIME LIMIT

No new inning can start after **1 hour 45 minutes** in all tournament games.

03 POOL PLAY & BRACKET TIE GAMES

Pool Play: Games can end in a tie after 7 innings or when the time limit is reached.
Bracket Games: No game can end in a tie. After 7 complete innings or when the time limit is reached, a Texas Tie Breaker will be used. The last batter from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base with no outs, and play continues until a winner is determined.

04 COURTESY RUNNERS

Courtesy runners may be used at any time for the pitcher and catcher of record from the previous inning. The courtesy runner must be a current substitute, or, if batting the roster, the last batted out.

05 HOME / VISITOR

A coin toss determines the home team in Pool Play. In Bracket Play, the higher seed is the home team.

06 BATTING ORDER & SUBSTITUTIONS

Teams may use an **EH, but not a DH**. Teams may bat their roster with free defensive substitutions. If batting the roster and a player is ejected or injured, that player's spot in the batting lineup will be an out for the remainder of the game.

07 RUN / MERCY RULES

12 runs after 4 innings
10 runs after 5 innings
8 runs after 6 innings

08 PITCHING GUIDELINES

Teams are encouraged to follow the official pitch count rules for their respective District tournaments. Pitching will **not be tracked** at this tournament, and **pitching protests will not be accepted**. This event is a District warm-up: use multiple pitchers and avoid over-pitching players.

09 PITCHER RE-ENTRY

A pitcher **cannot re-enter as pitcher** after being removed from the mound.

10 BAT RULES

All bats must have the **USA Baseball Marking or BBCOR .50**, with a maximum **2 5/8-inch barrel**. Wood bats are also allowed. A player using an illegal bat will be declared out if the opposing team protests before another pitch is thrown.

11 PLAYER DOCUMENTS

Teams should have birth certificates for each player on their roster. Official Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth Document Books will not be collected.

12 UNIFORMS

Matching uniforms are preferred, but not required. Please try to use a different jersey number for each player if possible. Coaches are not required to wear full uniforms.

13 PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged before the next pitch is thrown or before the umpires leave the field at the end of the game. Protests concern rule interpretations only, not judgment calls. The Tournament Director's ruling is final. There is a **$100 cash fee** for all protests, including roster or age violations. If the protest is upheld, the fee is returned.

14 SEEDING CRITERIA

1. Win–Loss Record
2. Head to Head if only 2 teams are tied
3. Fewest Runs Allowed
4. Highest Run Differential (maximum 8 runs per game)
5. Date Team Entered (team that entered first is the higher seed)