

# Cutten Ridgewood Recreation Association

## 2026 Rules for the Rookie Division

Official Cal Ripken League rules will apply with the following exceptions:

1. Our goal for the Rookies is to teach the kids more about the game of baseball to better prepare them for the Minor divisions. Build confidence, teach fundamentals and have fun!
2. Rookies play forced outs. Coaches may have to escort their players back to the dugout after an out has occurred.
3. There will be no tag outs, only forced outs. All runners must advance one base, all runners can be forced out.
4. Defensive positions will rotate each inning.
5. All batters will bat in order. Rotate batting order each game.
6. Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches from their coach, then a tee will be used to finish the at bat.
7. Rookies bat through the whole line up regardless of the number of outs made.
8. All Batters and Baserunners must wear a helmet.
9. Games will be 45 minutes long, usually two innings.
10. Attire: Players must wear the assigned uniform, hat and black pants on the field during scheduled games. Because of our climate, we encourage players to wear a long-sleeved shirt under their jersey.
11. Catchers will be adults, and a face guard will be provided for those who want one.
12. Both teams must clean their **dugouts and bleachers** before leaving.
13. Above all else, have fun! It's a game after all!