

Baseball Ages – Important information

By the rules of Cal Ripken Baseball, the baseball year begins on May 1 and, therefore, ages of players are determined by this calendar. So, for example: A baseball player born between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 is a <u>baseball 10</u>—no matter his/her actual age at the time of registration.

Here's a further breakdown:

Baseball 12: May 1, 2007—April 30, 2008 Baseball 11: May 1, 2008—April 30, 2009 Baseball 10: May 1, 2009—April 30, 2010 Baseball 9: May 1, 2010—April 30, 2011 Baseball 8: May 1, 2011—April 30, 2012 Baseball 7: May 1, 2012—April 30, 2013

Here are some answers to questions you may have about which baseball division (tee-ball, coach pitch, minors, majors, and Babe Ruth) is most appropriate for your child.

If your child is a baseball 4: He/she must register for tee-ball.

If your child is a baseball 5: He/she should register for tee-ball. If he/she played tee-ball as a 4-year-old, he/she may register for coach pitch. The program and coaches will determine if this is the proper placement.

If your child is a baseball 6: He/she should register for coach pitch.

If your child is a baseball 7: He/she should register for coach pitch and is most likely suited to play at that level. A parent, however, can also register a 7-year-old child for minors. A 7-year-old who chooses to register for minors will be required to attend an evaluation. The program and the minors coaches then will determine if his/her proper placement is at coach pitch or minors.

If your child is a baseball 8: He/she can register for coach pitch or minors. If registering for minors, he/she will attend an evaluation. The program and the minors coaches then will determine his/her proper placement.

If your child is a baseball 9: He/she must register for minors.

If your child is a baseball 10: He/she <u>must</u> register for majors and attend the majors evaluation. If a parent is concerned about a child's placement at this level, please email baseball coordinators Keith O'Brien and John Gill at <u>kob.story@gmail.com</u> and <u>jgill@cochecofg.com</u>. At—or after—the majors evaluations, the coordinators will discuss the player's placement with the parent and find the best place for him/her.

If your child is a baseball 11: He/she must register for majors.

If your child is a baseball 12: He/she must register for majors.

If your child is a baseball 13: He/she can no longer play in majors and must register for Babe Ruth.