

2026 10U & 12U CAL RIPKEN TRAVEL BASEBALL INFORMATION

Thank you for registering for Cal Ripken Baseball through Watford City Parks & Recreation. Players who are interested in being considered for the travel baseball teams should carefully review the information below prior to tryouts. This document outlines key details, expectations, and guidelines that are currently available.

Program Structure

Watford City Parks & Recreation will work in coordination with the travel baseball program; however, travel baseball is not operated through the Recreation Department. Questions specifically related to travel baseball should be directed to the appropriate travel team coaches.

Fees & Costs

- **Cal Ripken Recreation Registration Fee:** \$50 (\$60 if registering late)
- **Travel Baseball Fee:** An additional \$250

The travel baseball fee helps cover added expenses such as uniforms, umpires, equipment, and other team-related costs.

Pre-Tryout Warm-Up Sessions

Pre-tryout warm-up sessions are planned to begin in April. These sessions are designed to help players prepare for the season and will include batting practice, tee work, fielding, throwing, and catching.

Sessions will be held outdoors when weather permits.

Dates & Times:

- **Dates:** April 21, 23, 28 & 30
 - **Time:** 5:00-6:30PM
 - **Location:** MCAP Fields 2 & 3
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Tryouts

Tryouts will take place over two days during the week of May 4. Weather permitting, tryouts will be held outdoors; otherwise, they will be moved indoors to the Rough Rider Center.

During tryouts, travel coaches will evaluate players on hitting, fielding, pitching, and overall baseball skills.

Tryout Dates & Times:

- May 5 & May 6
 - 4:30–6:30 PM
 - MCAP Fields 2 & 3
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Team Selection

Travel teams will consist of a limited number of players (approximately 12 per age group).

- Players who are not selected for a travel team will be placed on a Cal Ripken Recreation baseball team.
- Players who are selected for a travel team will be invoiced for the additional \$250 travel fee. Rec Staff will reach out to families to gather that additional fee.
- If selected, the player's season will begin the following week

Please note: The Parks & Recreation registration fee is non-refundable and goes to Cal Ripken administrative fees.

Practice & Game Schedule

- Practices will begin the week of May 11.
- Teams will practice approximately 3–4 days per week.
- There will be roughly three weeks of practice before games begin.

Games are expected to start around the week of June 1. The goal is to schedule most games on weekdays or weeknights, with limited weekend play. Some weekend games and tournaments will be unavoidable.

Efforts will be made to keep games and tournaments as close to Watford City as possible to reduce travel time and expenses.

- **Estimated Season Length:** May 11 – August 2
 - **Approximate Number of Games:** 25 (including tournaments)
 - **No games during the July 4th week**
 - **12U State Tournament:** July 29-August 2 in Burlington
 - **10U State Tournament:** July 29-August 2 in Casselton
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Uniforms & Equipment

The travel team fee includes a full uniform set for each player, consisting of:

- Jersey
- Hat
- Pants

Teams will provide shared equipment, including:

- Catcher's gear
- Batting helmets
- Baseballs
- Limited supply of bats

Players are responsible for providing their own:

- Glove
- Cleats/spikes
- Socks
- Protective gear (cup, braces, batting gloves, guards, etc.)

Players are encouraged to supply their own bats.

Bat Requirements (Cal Ripken Baseball)

All bats must meet the following standards:

- USA Baseball certification stamp
- Maximum barrel size: 2 5/8 inches

- BBCOR and USSSA bats are **not** allowed

There is no drop-weight restriction as long as the bat has a USA Baseball stamp. Most players in this age group typically use bats ranging from drop -8 (heavier) to drop -12 (lighter).

Additional glove and bat sizing charts are included to help families choose appropriate equipment.

Bat sizing charts:

Your Weight (Pounds)	Your Height (Inches)									
	36-40"	41-44"	45-48"	49-52"	53-56"	57-60"	61-64"	65-68"	69-72"	73"+
Under 60	26"	27"	28"	29"	29"					
61-70	27"	27"	28"	29"	30"	30"				
71-80		28"	28"	29"	30"	30"	31"			
81-90		28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	32"		
91-100		28"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
101-110		29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
111-120		29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
121-130		29"	30"	30"	30"	31"	32"	32"	32"	
131-140		29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	
141-150			30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	33"	33"	
151-160			30"	31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"	33"
161-170				31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"	34"
171-180						32"	33"	33"	34"	34"
181 & More							33"	33"	34"	34"

Most Popular Length By Age							
Age	5 to 7	8 to 9	10	11 to 12	13 to 14	15 to 16	17 & up
Length	24-26"	26-28"	28-29"	30-31"	31-32"	32-33"	33-34"

BASEBALL			
LEVEL	AGE	POSITION	GLOVE SIZE
T-Ball	3 to 6 years old	All Positions	8.5" - 10"
Youth	7 to 12 years old	1st Base	11.5" - 12"
Youth	7 to 12 years old	Infield	10.25" - 11.5"
Youth	7 to 12 years old	Outfield	11.5" - 12.25"
Adult	12+ years old	1st Base	12" - 13"
Adult	12+ years old	Infield	11.25" - 12"
Adult	12+ years old	Outfield	12" - 12.75"



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Contact Information

If you have questions regarding the Cal Ripken Recreation Baseball program or general program information, please contact:

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We appreciate your interest in Cal Ripken Baseball and look forward to a great season.