

Parents-

We have had a few questions about the Rookie Division and Minor Division and also players who might want to play up a level than what their league age would be. Here are a few helpful answers

Definition of Rookie Division

Rookie

This division will take the place of the coach and kid pitch division. Designed primarily for ballplayers ages 7-8, this division makes use of a pitching machine to allow for more hittable balls at the plate and more action in the field. Fear of actually being hit by a pitched ball is diminished. It makes the game safer and improves the playing confidence and ability of all participants.

Example 1- T-Ball to Rookie

Your son/daughter according to the Cal Ripken Birth Chart 2024 is a t-ball player for this season. If you want them to play up a level which would be Rookie ball (machine pitch).... here are the steps to follow:

1. Go thru the general registration process
2. Sign your son/daughter up for t-ball
3. When given the opportunity, make notes in the registration about your wishes to move up a level. We will then adjust your registration status.
4. You can also email a board member your wishes- see web site for addresses.

Example 2- Rookie to Minor

Your son/daughter according to the Cal Ripken Birth Chart 2024 is a Rookie ball player who is 8 years old. If you want them to play up a level which would be Minor League ball.... here are the steps to follow:

1. Go thru the general registration process
2. Sign up your son/daughter up for minor league
3. Your player must try-out and be selected in the Minor League draft-see website for info on Evaluation date and times.
4. If drafted, he/she will be placed on a Minor Team. If not drafted he/she will be placed on Rookie Team.

Example 3- Minor to Major

Your son/daughter according to the Cal Ripken Birth Chart 2024 is a Minor League ball player who is 10 years old. If you want them to play up a level which would be Major League ball.... here are the steps to follow:

1. Go thru the general registration process
2. Sign up your son/daughter up for Major league
3. Your player must try-out and be selected in the Major League draft-see website for info on Evaluation date and times.
4. If drafted, he/she will be placed on a Major Team. If not drafted he/she will be placed on a Minor team.