

# Babe Ruth League, Inc./Cal Ripken 60- & 70-Foot Programs



## 1. How do we convert our existing 60' program field to a 70' program?

Your league can convert the field by following 3 easy steps. (Just click on the "Field Conversion" buttons back on the web page that brought you here.) No need for expensive changes to fences or moving scoreboards and bleachers. All the changes are to the infield area.

## 2. Do we have to move the fencing back in the outfield for the new 70' program?

NO! Keep your fencing at your traditional height and distance as you would for the 60' program. The only changes pertain to the infield.

## 3. What rule changes will be different from the 60' program to the 70' program?

- Players may take leads from the bases, no longer having to wait for the ball to cross the plate.
- Balks can be called in the 70' program where players will advance to the next base similar to the older levels of Babe Ruth Baseball.

## 4. Do we have to move back Home Plate for the changes?

No. Home Plate stays where it is with no change.

## 5. We have lights on our field. Will we have to adjust them?

NO! Your light package will be fine. However, for fields getting new lights, you may want to consult with your lighting engineer for optimal lighting of your league's playing field.

## 6. Is there a great deal of cost to convert a field from 60' to a 70' Program?

This depends on the existing make-up of your playing field. However, most of the work involved centers on removing the turf grass from behind the back infield and replacing it with traditional infield mix. Additionally, you will have to purchase the required pitching rubber base sockets depending on if you're running just a 70' program or both 60' and 70' Major programs.

## 7. We have a small program and Major Division, why should we change to a 70' Program?

The 70' program will offer a greater chance for players to develop more baseball skills at a younger age, and will help better prepare them for the transition to the 60-90 field found at Babe Ruth and/or high school ball.

## 8. What size bat do players use in the 70' program?

Players will use the same size bat as in the 60' program—a 2-1/4 barrel maximum (see Rule 1.10 and note).

## 9. How do we set up bases for both programs without interfering with one another?

Your league can convert your in ground base socket field to where it can be covered and not in the playing field area depending on whether you use the 60 foot or 70 foot bases.

## 10. How can our players pitch at 50 feet with a rubber at 46 feet?

When building your new mound for 50 feet you can place a permanent rubber in the ground at the 50' mark. For games at 46 feet, place a spiked or temporary rubber at that distance and remove it when a 50' distance is needed.

## 60' and 70' programs can be played on the same field!!

