

Kid Pitch Rules 2016

1. Please remember this is an instructional league. Teach the boys throughout the game. Please be patient with boys and the coaches.
2. Pitching: **No more than 2 innings per game or 50 pitches.** Please have a parent count pitches for you. After the first initial walk, a coach will come in and give the batter three pitches. There are no balks. A pitcher cannot pitch more than 6 innings in a week. A week goes from Sunday to Saturday.
3. Fielding— A player can not play in the same position for more than 3 innings. Please move the boys around unless there is a risk of injury. All the outfielders should play at a reasonable outfield depth.
4. Hitting— Every player must bat. Please use a continuous batting order. Change the order from game to game. If a player can not bat or leaves early an out is not recorded. Bunting is NOT allowed. Maximum of 5 runs per inning or three outs whichever comes first.
5. Baserunning: **One SB per inning** unless otherwise agreed to before the game by both head coaches. The runner cannot leave a base until after the ball crosses home plate. The base runner must always slide or veer. It is up to the 1st base coach to make sure runner does not leave early. The runner must return to base he occupied. There is no stealing of home plate. A runner must be batted in to score. You cannot advance on an over throw from the catcher. We want the catcher to learn to throw the ball. You may advance one base on an overthrow during a regular baseball play as long as it's not from third to home.
6. Catching: Please work with catchers throwing to second and third. A runner cannot advance but let them throw on a regular catch. Try not to have kids advance another bag after a steal on an errant throw. If there is a passed ball do not have the catchers throw from backstop. **We will use a speed up rule for the catchers on base with 2 outs. The runner would be the last batted out. No child shall catch without wearing a protective cup.**
7. Length of game: Time limit on a game is 2 hours. Do not start an inning after 1:30 hours. Try and keep the games moving. There are no wins and losses so both teams should bat unless agreed upon by both coaches.
8. The coach for the pitching team will umpire when his team is in the field. He can help the pitcher but keep it timely for the other players.
9. There is no infield fly rule. Expect the base runners to have to run.
10. If a batter is hit by A pitch, try and encourage the batter to stay in the box and continue hitting. This is 100% at the batter's coach's discretion.