

1st/2nd Grade Coach Pitch Rules 2023

All games played at Golden Spike Park East Field- 1260 West 5050 South Riverdale

Weather updates will be sent via text. Text "Softball23" to 801-621-6084 for the accurate information on game play and weather for that day.

Equipment/Field:

Players must wear a uniform and running shoes or rubber cleats.

Players must wear a helmet or mask when required. Specified later.

Base path distance is 45ft. Pitching distance is 25 ft.

Game Play:

Games will be 50 minutes. No new inning after 45 mins. Score will not be kept.

There are no officials. Coaches will be on the field to enforce their team's play and help them understand the basic game play. Max of 2 coaches on the field. One coach as pitcher. **The offensive coach will call the outs (close call, favor the runner.)**

Innings will end when defense has made 3 outs or offence has batted once through the batting lineup.

Basic Rules:

Batters: Batters must wear a helmet. Each batter will get **4 pitches**, then he/she MUST bat from the tee. **Throwing the bat is an automatic out.** Teach the kids not to throw the bat! *The last batter will keep running until he/she is tagged out or reaches home plate.* Coaches should yell "last batter" to remind players what to do. Teach the last batter to keep running (rounding the bases) and the outfield to field the ball and tag the runner out.

Runners: Runners must wear a helmet. When a player stops running, he/she must remain on that base. Teach your players to round the bases to advance more than one base. No leading off, No stealing. The runner must stay on the base until the ball is hit. **When a defensive player has made one throwing error, the base runner will advance to the base that he/she is running toward, and then must stop.**

Defensive Players: 9 players may be in the field at a time. Please rotate positions played. Infield positions: 1st, 2nd, 3rd base, pitcher, short stop, and catcher. Infielders cannot play up more than 5 ft in front of their base. Outfield positions: Left, Right, Center. Outfielders must be at least 10ft behind the infield bases. If teams are short a player, they may distribute their players for the best field coverage. Catchers MUST wear a face mask/helmet. All players in the field must have a glove/mitt.

The purpose of this league is to have fun, develop skills, and practice good sportsmanship.

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