



7-8 year old

Boys Coaches Pitch Rules

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

1. All players will wear PARDS issued socks, caps and shirts. Shirt tails will be tucked in and caps worn properly.
2. Players can wear either shorts or pants. The entire team must wear the same color,
3. Players will be required to wear athletic shoes or cleats. If cleats are worn, they **must be rubber cleats, NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED.**
4. All bats will be aluminum. Big barrel bats are now allowed, but must be manufactured by an approved USSSA manufacturer, and have a USSSA stamp.
5. League will use an official hard ball.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

1. The bases will be 60 feet apart.
2. The pitcher mound will be 35 feet from home plate. (Back corner of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber)
3. No defensive player may advance closer than 50 feet from home plate until the ball is hit.
4. There will be a 5-foot semi-circle in front of home plate.

OFFICIAL GAME

1. A game will consist of five (5) innings or 1 hour and 15-minute time limit. An official game will be 4 innings. If the time limit expires before 4 innings are complete the game will be an official game. Games stopped before being official will be scheduled for make-up by the league commissioner.
2. The time limit for the games will be 1 hour and 15 minutes. Once the time limit expires the inning in progress will be completed.
3. Batters must hit the ball fair in 7 pitches or he is out.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Official Babe Ruth Softball rules will be used except for the following:

1. No score is kept.
2. No defensive player may advance closer than 50 feet from the home plate until the ball is hit.

3. On overthrown balls to first base, players **can only** advance to second base, if no additional play is made by the defense. If the defensive team makes a play on the runner and the runner is thrown out then the runner is considered out. If the defensive team makes a play on the runner at second base than the runner can continue to advance.
4. A line-up card will be submitted to the umpire at the start of the game. The players will bat in the order they are placed on the line-up card. If a player arrives after the line-up has been turned into the scorekeeper that player will be added to the bottom of the line-up card.
5. An inning will be three (3) outs or nine batters. If you get to the ninth batter in an inning, the inning ends when the lead runner is put out or any subsequent runner is put out before the lead runner crosses home plate.