



Youth Local League Rules

The City of Greenville Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to change and implement new rules at any time. We are committed to provide the best programs possible to ensure the best environment for the players, coaches and their respective families.

Coach Pitch Rules

1. **Coach Pitch is for ages 5-6 year olds.** (Boys age as of April 30, 2018) (Girls age as of Dec. 31, 2017)
2. Time Limit: 5 innings or 50 Minutes.
3. If any team is unable to play a scheduled game, it will be counted as a forfeited game for their team. A forfeit will be declared at scheduled game time. An unofficial game/scrimmage will be played within the scheduled time for that game.
4. An inning will be completed when both teams have acquired three (3) offensive outs or every player on the roster has batted.
5. Game will end after 5 innings or at 50 minutes. Inning in progress will not be completed.

Playing Field:

6. There shall be a ten (10) foot arc drawn from 1st baseline to 3rd baseline in front of home plate. A batted ball must go past this line to be a fair ball.
7. The pitching rubber (or chalk line) will be at 40 feet from the back tip of home plate. There shall be a ten (10) foot diameter pitching circle. This circle is for the player pitcher position. There will be a chalk line marked 30 feet from the back tip of home plate for the coach to pitch from.
8. 25 Foot hash marks in between 1st & 2nd - 2nd & 3rd - 3rd & home.

Coaches:

9. Each team will be allowed a Head Coach and three assistant coaches.
10. No more than three coaches allowed on the field for the team on offense: One in first base coaching box, one in the third base coaching box and one at home plate.
11. A maximum of two coaches will be allowed on the field for the team on defense. They will be positioned behind 1st and 3rd base on the outfield grass. These coaches are on the field for instructional purposes only, such as repositioning the fielders and relaying information.

12. Base coaches may not touch a runner at any time. **Penalty:** Runner will be called out.
13. Home Plate coach may set batter once per time at bat.
14. **Coach Pitch:** The Coach will pitch three (3) pitches to the batter. If the batter does not hit the ball, they will get 2 swings off the tee. If a fair ball is not hit off the tee the batter will be out.
15. Continuous batting order. All players will be in the batting lineup.
16. There will be no more than five (5) players in the infield including the pitcher. The catcher's position will be occupied. The player at the catcher's position will not be down behind the plate, but will be positioned off to the side and must wear protective helmet with mask or face shield. All remaining players on the roster will be in the outfield (on the outfield grass).
17. All players on offense must remain in the dugout at all times unless batting, on deck or base running. All players not in the dugout must wear a batting helmet.
18. Any regulation bat of 28" or less may be used.
19. Batters will not be allowed to bunt the ball. The batter will be called out if he/she slings the bat after one warning per player is given.
20. The player pitcher shall not leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit. There shall be a different player to occupy the player pitcher position every inning.
21. Runners shall not lead-off or steal bases. A runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is hit.
22. Base runner must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
23. Play will end when the pitcher has the ball in his possession and is inside the pitching circle. Any runner that has reached a halfway mark prior to the pitcher having possession and is inside the pitching circle will stop at the next base.
24. There will be no scorekeeping. This is an instructional league.