

Mountain View Recreation Center Coach Pitch (5-6 year old) Rules

1. Age: 6 and Under (players cannot turn seven (7) before May 1st)
2. Player Roster: Each team will consist of 10 to 12 players.
3. Game Rules: Each team will bat until three (3) outs are made or five (5) runs are scored in the inning. All players will take defensive positions on the field. Five (5) players should be positioned in normal infield positions (Pitcher, First Base, Second Base, Short Stop, and Third Base). The pitcher must take position behind and to the side of the coach that is pitching. A catcher will be positioned against the backstop with a catcher's mask and will be able to move forward to the usual catcher's position after the ball has been put into play. The remaining players shall be placed in the outfield area (behind the base paths). Infield and outfield players must rotate each inning.
4. Game Length: Four (4) innings or 60 minute time limit. Each team should bat through their entire roster at least once during the course of a game. If a game is tied at the end of four (4) innings or the 60 minute time length, the game will end in a tie.
5. A coach or team representative will pitch from a distance no closer than 10 feet from the batter. Each batter will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches from the coach. The batter must make an attempt to hit the ball. If the ball has not been hit into play after the 5th pitch, the ball will be placed on a tee and the batter will attempt to hit the ball off of the tee.
6. If a batted ball hits the coach pitching to him/her it will be declared a dead ball. All runners will return to their respective bases and the batter will return to the batter's box. The pitch will be declared a no pitch.
7. Dead Ball: The ball will be declared dead when the defensive team has possession of the ball within the infield and in fair territory and the lead runner has abandoned efforts to advance.
8. Outs: Outs will be called as per the customary rules of baseball as governed by Cal Ripken baseball. One umpire will be assigned to work the game.
9. Base running: Base stealing or leading off is not permitted. Base runners are not allowed to leave the base before the ball is put into play
10. NO HEAD FIRST slides
11. Two (2) defensive coaches will be allowed on the field to provide instruction to all defensive players. Coaches are not allowed to touch the players when the ball is in play
12. An offensive coach may coach at home plate and help retrieve passed balls. Offensive coaches are allowed to coach at first and third base when their team is batting. Coaches are not allowed to touch the players when the ball is in play
13. All teams are responsible for cleaning trash out of the dugouts at the end of the game
14. All teams are responsible for working the concessions at their appointed times