



## **Machine/Coach Pitch League Rules .**

- No new inning may start after 80 minutes – games are 90 minutes.
- Roster limit of 14 and all must bat.
- The PCFC pitching machine is to be used at all times. The speed and height will be set at the beginning of the game. Players are to move in the box for height.
- 4 “strike” pitches per batter to either put the ball in play or strike out swinging. If neither occur after 8 pitches the batter will be called out on strikes. Coaches, please tell batter when they are getting near the last pitches. No walks.
- If batted ball hits machine or coach, it is an automatic base hit, and all runners advance one base and ball is dead.
- Runners cannot intentionally run into players to avoid being out.
- Coaches are responsible for having players on and off the field in a timely manner between innings.
- All equipment must be kept inside the dugout.
- Free substitutions on defense. Keep these to inning changes. Batting order must remain unchanged.
- Ten players may be allowed on defense. Four in the outfield, 4 infielders, a pitcher, and a catcher.
- Catchers must wear protective gear (we have extra sets).
- No play will consist of more than ONE “overthrow,” and runners are allowed to advance one base. All circumstances a runner may only go one base.
- First batted ball off the ceiling inside the ribbon is a do over (counts as a swing so if 4<sup>th</sup> strike batter is still out), the second time in the same at-bat is an out.
- An inning is determined by 3 defensive outs or 6 Runs have been scored.
- All final decisions and calls are at the discretion of the Umpire.
- 3 coaches are allowed in the field on defense: 2 infield (prefer outfield but can help infield) and 1 at home area to help.
- 3 coaches allowed on field on offense: 1 to man pitching machine and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> coaches.
- Pitcher needs to be in vicinity of machine (umpire will help).
- No bunting.
- An arc near home will designate a foul ball (short grounder).
- Runners can’t advance once the ball returns to the infield on a ball hit to the outfield, unless there is a play being made at a base. Umpires discretion.
- Infielders should be positioned as to avoid initial contact with moving runner.
- Little League Bat rules apply, bats can NOT be bigger than 2¼”.

\* This league has been created to develop young ball players. Safety and sportsmanship will be a priority with this age group for obvious reasons. Please lookout for the young players and make sure the coaches show as much sportsmanship as is required for the development of those participating.

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