# Citrus (Machine Pitch) Softball

### Game Rules:

- > Home team will be on the third base side, Visitor team will be on the first base side
- ➤ Home team will bring two (2) game balls and a pitching machine
  - o Pitching machine settings: 3 / 3 / 6 (power)
  - o Pitching machine distance: 40ft (back of machine bumped against front of pitching mound)
- No bunting
- Each player must play at least one defensive inning in an infield position per game
- > All players at the game must be in the batting order
- > There will be 10 defensive players per inning: P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, OF, OF, OF
  - o The 10th position must be an Outfielder and cannot be a second Pitcher
  - o All Outfielders must be positioned in the grass and cannot rotate as additional Infielders
- ➤ All bats must be either solid wood or non-wood (33" or shorter) and must feature the 1.20 BPF label.
  - o Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require the 1.20 BPF label.
- ➤ Catcher's helmets MUST have a throat guard
- > Face Masks for batting helmets are recommended, but NOT required.
- > Face Masks for defensive players are recommended, but NOT required.

## Machine Pitch:

- Each batter will be allowed up to five (5) pitches per at bat to hit a ball in play otherwise they are out; batters will be allowed unlimited foul balls on the fifth pitch
  - o The batter may receive a sixth pitch if any previous pitch during the at-bat is deemed a bad pitch

#### Kid Pitch:

- > For weeks 1-2 each team will use Machines 100% of the time
- > For weeks 3-4 each team will use a kid pitcher for the first inning before reverting to a Machine to complete the game
- ➤ For weeks 4-6 each team will use a kid pitcher for the first two innings before reverting to a Machine
- > Each pitcher should only pitch one inning per week
- > The pitcher will throw 5 pitches and if the batter is not able to get a hit the coach will come out and throw 2 additional pitches
- > Any batter may opt out of facing kid pitching at which point a coach will come and deliver 5 pitches instead
- ➤ If for any reason a team is unable to field a pitcher they may borrow one from the other team as the goal is to prepare for AAA in the Spring.

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### Base Running:

- Base runners will not advance extra bases on wild throws or over throws
- ➤ Base runners and batters will only advance one base; unless the ball is hit so that it reaches the outfield grass the batter may then attempt 2nd base.
  - o The play will be live and runners can be put out at 2nd base. There are no doubles on errors or throws.
  - o Base runners may NOT advance more bases than the batter
    - No 1st to 3rd or 2nd to Home on a single

## Inning and Game End:

- > The half inning is over when the hitting team has recorded 3 outs or 5 runs
- ➤ No new inning will start after 1 hours and 30 minutes
- ➤ Drop Dead game time is 1 hour and 45 minutes
- At the end of a game, you must clear your dugout for the next game quickly. Do not gather your team on the field; instead, find a place outside the field if you want to talk to your players after a game.

