



Machine Pitch to Kid Pitch for the 2022 season FAQs.

1. At what age does kid pitch start?

- Kid pitch begins with 8U at Thunder, which has modified rules to help ease the transition closer to "real" baseball (which starts at 9U).
- Rules are further modified for FALL BALL to help move the game along and make it easier for players to get a grasp of the game.

2. What is the cost difference?

- Thunder Baseball League teams operate on three tiers for kid pitch. Tier 1 is \$500, tier 2 is \$750, and tier 3 is \$1000. Each offers varying degrees of professional training. Click [HERE](#) for descriptions of each. These costs do not include tournament fees and uniform packages. Machine Pitch is \$300 plus a uniform package that runs around \$75.
- FALL BALL ONLY - \$185, includes red and white shirt.

3. What are the time commitments for kid pitch?

- The season will start after January 1st, when the indoor facility is made available to teams. Practice times will be determined by availability and coach requests. Professional training (from the tiers) will be determined by Thunder schedulers.
- RMJBL ("league") teams will play two games during the week around the metro area, with weekends open for practice or tournaments.
- Tournament Only teams will have practice/training during the week with tournaments on the weekend.
- FALL BALL ONLY - Practice may be held during the week and games are played on Sunday. Practice time is at the discretion of the coach.

4. Does my player need to attend tryouts?

- Yes, your player will need to attend tryouts for the 2022 season unless they have been reserved by a coach. Parents must give consent for a coach to reserve a player. However, regardless of being reserved or not, all players must register prior to tryouts by going [HERE](#).
- FALL BALL ONLY - Tryouts are not necessary.

5. How do I sign up?

- Click [HERE](#) and select the appropriate program for your player. Login in or create a new profile.