



COMMERCE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

PLAYING & SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

Coach Pitch DIVISION

Playing rules shall be the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules "Green Book" for the current year, unless supplemented below.

GENERAL:

1. GAME:

- a. A Game will consist of Four (4) innings. An inning will be considered batting half of the available line-up of players (usually 5-7 players). Each player will get two (2) at-bats per game. Each inning will end with the Offensive team's last batter hitting a "Home Run " and all players on base rounding all bases and coming home.
- b. There are no 'strikeouts'. If a player cannot hit off Coach after 5 balls thrown, then a Tee will be brought out and at-bat continued. Players thrown out will be removed from the field of play, but outs will not count towards ending an inning.

2. PITCHING:

- a. The entire season will be coach pitch.
- b. Coaches will pitch from a Knee from 22'-23' in an overhand motion. Bases shall be set at sixty (60) feet.
- c. The designated Coach shall pitch to the team/she represents. The adult shall throw up to 5 pitches to a batter. If the 5th pitch is not hittable the player will get additional pitches until it is deemed hittable by the coach. If the 5th pitch results in a foul ball, foul balls on this and succeeding pitches do not count and the batter continues to bat until he/she hits a ball into fair territory or is switched to a Tee. In the event of a player not able to hit off Coach, then a Tee will be brought out for the player to put the ball into play. There are no walks.
- d. Managers will assign an adult to be used as the backstop to retrieve passed balls delivered from the pitcher to the catcher during an official at bat. This person **MAY NOT** coach or otherwise assist payers. His/her function is restricted to returning the ball to the pitcher or catcher to speed play.

3. PLAYING TIME:

- a. All players present will be included in batting order and bat in turn. Each player must play a minimum of Three (3) defensive innings. Two innings must be played in the infield. The infield is considered to be the following positions: pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base and shortstop. Players must play one of the two required infield innings at a position other than catcher.

4. OUTFIELDERS:

- a. All defensive teams will field four (4) outfielders when ten (10) offensive players are available and used. Outfielders must be positioned on the outfield grass before every at bat. The outfielders may move onto the infield dirt after the ball is hit into play.

5. BASERUNNING:

- a. There is no stealing or leading off. Base runners may not leave a base until the ball has crossed the plate and may not advance to the next base unless the ball is put into play by the batter, and may continue to advance until a batted ball is under the control of any fielder in any position on the field. Once this occurs, base runners may not advance beyond the base he/she is heading toward. Players may be sent back to a base by the Coach if play is deemed to have been dead by control.

6. MERCY RULE: None

7. SAFETY:

- a. A pitcher playing the position of pitcher during any coach pitch must not be any closer to home plate than the 40' pitching rubber and must be within 6 feet of either side of the pitching rubber. This player must wear a helmet while playing the position of pitcher.
- b. On deck batting is prohibited. Starting after pre-game outfield batting practice, players should not have a bat in their hands unless they are currently batting or returning to the dugout after an at-bat.