

Coach Pitch League Rules

Non-Competitive Level (Rookie, Level 3)



- **Age Group Guidelines:** 1st-2nd grade (5-8 year olds but generally 6-8 year olds), one or two years then move up to Minors.
- **Pre-Season Player Evaluations:** None
- **Team Makeup:** Generally 8-10 players, neighborhood and school-based, put together by the EJLL Board of Directors, chaired by the Player Agent/League Coordinator. (Requests for pairing participants & coaches are sometimes considered at this level.)
- **Positions:** All positions practiced. Focuses on practicing basic skills and having fun.
- **Games:** Games follow skills practices. Typically 2-4 innings of full participation, and not longer than 120 total minutes on the field (with practice and game play).
- **Practice:** Preseason practices are scheduled by the league coordinator. The coaches may schedule additional practices at any time. Practices usually occur prior to game play and in the window of 5 PM to 7:30 PM.
- **Uniforms:** Uniforms are provided and consist of hats and T-shirts. Grey baseball pants may be provided by parents, but are not required. Plastic cleats are optional. The player keeps the hat and t-shirt at the end of the season.
- **Equipment:** RIF #5 ball or equal. Teams receive their equipment (balls, helmets, bases, bats, hitting tee, and first aid kit) and will share equipment as needed at practices. Male catchers MUST wear a cup.
- **Fields:** Maple Street Park (Seman & Dewitt fields), and Cascade Park. Rain cancellations will be called by the coaches by 5 PM. No Practices if lightning is present. There is a 30-minute wait period after lightning or thunder is observed.
- **Make-up Games:** Make-up games are agreed upon by the coaches and scheduled as needed.
- **Championship:** None
- **Awards:** Each player will receive a Little League participation memento at the end of the season. Little League rules prohibit awards for comparable skills or accomplishments.
- **Rules:**
 - ◆ All players play in the field each inning. Players play positions as their abilities allow.
 - ◆ Three (3) swinging strikes, then the player hits off of the Tee. No on deck batters, no bat donuts allowed.
 - ◆ No walks, no stealing, no leading off base.
 - ◆ Coaches pitch the first half of the season at a distance of their discretion; coaches pitch and use the machine from a further distance in the second half of the season.
 - ◆ Free substitutions. If a team has only 10 players, then an additional player will be allowed to play in the outfield.
 - ◆ Innings are limited to 3 outs, or until all players have batted once per the inning. If an out is made on the base runner, he is retired to the dugout.
 - ◆ On a ball hit to the outfield, the base runner advances until the ball is returned to the infield.
 - ◆ When the last batter hits, the inning ends with the conclusion of the play.
 - ◆ Automatic home run by the last batter at the discretion of the coaches.

All Injuries must be reported to the Safety Coordinator.