

ROCKCASTLE LITTLE LEAGUE - Coach Pitch Baseball Program

Only 1 appointed Coaches to the draft. Assistants will be drafted

Section 1: The Offensive team SHALL bat all players present; however, they must bat a minimum of seven (7). In the event a team does not have 7 or more players present at game time, that team may start with 7 players. In the Event a team does not have 7 players and the opposing team has more than a full roster they may ask to barrow players to start the game. Teams must start the game with a player in the pitcher or catcher position. The remaining players positions are as desired on the field of play, provided that they do not violate any other rule in the program. If team only has 6 players and cannot barrow players then a Forfeit is called. Teams may use allotted time to scrimmage, but not exceed time limit. All player must bat and play defense.

Section 2: Ten (10) defensive players shall play in the field with four (4) outfielders. The fourth (4th) outfielder shall not assume an infield position. All outfielders shall stay behind the baseline. 9.08 The defensive player listed as pitcher shall not leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit.

Section 3: The batter will receive 5 pitches. No walks or called strikes are allowed. A 5th pitch can be fouled and continues the at bat.

Note: At any time during the at bat if a foul tipped ball goes above the batter's head and caught by the catcher the batter is declared out; if the 5th pitch is foul tipped by the batter and caught by the catcher batter is declared out.

Section 5: Three outs or 5 runs an inning, 6 inning or 75 minutes. No new inning will start after time has expired. Finish the inning. In the event of tie game will continue international rule inning will start runner on 2 base. Runner is last record out. Inning will start with 1 out.

Section 6: Ten defensive players are permitted. Before the ball is batted, no more than six may take a defensive position on the infield. Unlimited defensive substitutions are permitted.

Section 7: No infielder will be closer than 30 feet (halfway between home and 1st and 3rd), Prior to the release of the ball by the coach-pitcher.

Section 8: Bunting, slapping (chop swing), or half swing are not permitted. In the umpire's judgement, if a batter intentionally takes a half swing, slaps or bunts, the ball is dead, a pitch is called on the batter, and the offensive team manager is given one warning. If it happens again, the umpire will declare the batter out.

Section 9: The infield fly rule is not in effect. The ball remains alive with all runners in jeopardy of being put out.

Section 10: On an overthrown ball in fair or foul territory, all runners may advance at their own risk, until time is called by umpire.

Section 11: Time will be called by umpire when one of the following has occurred:

- A. When the ball is held in front of the lead runner.
- B. When an infielder has control of the ball in the infield, and the runners have stopped.
- C. Umpire's judgement will call time

Section 13: The official baseball used in Coach Pitch program shall be the 9-inch Baseball. Catcher's protective equipment must be used, helmets with mask chest protector shin guards. All offensive players must wear helmets while on the field. Chest guards or heart guards are recommended.

Section 14: If a batted ball hits the offensive representative, (Coach), The ball is dead. All runners return to their previous base. It is ruled a no pitch.

Section 15: Courtesy Runner maybe used for the catcher only. **Note:** Courtesy Runner will be your last recorded out. In the event of no outs recorded then it will be last runner scored.

Section 16: In the event of a close play at home plate or any other base runners are required to slide to avoid injury with the catcher or any other defensive player. Failure to slide will be the Umpire judgement to declared an out on the play.

Note: Players are prohibited from sliding head first when advancing to any base. Any player who slides head first while advancing will be declared out. The only exception is when a runner is returning to a base, in which case a head-first slide is permitted.

Section 17: Absolutely No Steel or Metal Cheats will be used in league play or practice.

Umpires will report the outcome of the game and the score at the end of the night to league commissioner. Each team must have a scorekeeper. The home team will be the official scorekeeper. The umpire will refer to the home team scorekeeper for questions.

Section 17a: Official League Book Policy The home team is responsible for maintaining the official League book throughout the game. At the conclusion of each game, this book must be turned into the head umpire for review and record-keeping

Section 18 Field Keeping: Coaches and Umpires will be responsible for chalking the field of which they are playing on for the night and to be done in such a manner for which the games will start on time The home team of the last game is responsible for dragging the field and putting up score board. Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout. Throw away all bottles and paper in the trash cans provided. Get the dugout prepared as quickly as possible for the next team coming in to play.

Section 19: Coaches and volunteers must have a background check to be on the field or in the dugout.

One 1st base coach and one 3rd base coach are permitted on the field but must remain near the respective base during play.

Other coaches must remain in the dugout or area during play.

It is Coaches responsibility to keep players in the dugout during there at bat. Teams shall have one player at the plate, one player in the on-deck area.

Sportsmanship—Coaches should...Demonstrate sportsmanship, expect sportsmanship from your players, and Encourage sportsmanship from the parents and fans.

Cursing and aggressive behavior will not be tolerated from coaches, players, or fans. You will be given a warning. In the event warning is not expected violator will be asked to leave. Coaches will be asked to help in situation if violator still does not comply then that team will be declared a forfeit. The Board will handle each situation on a case-by-case basis.

