

# AAA – GRADE 1 - SECOND YEAR COACH PITCH *REV 02/24/16*

Participating members in the midget program South Jeffco Sports, Bear Creek, Alameda, and South Metro.

## **Section 1 Age of Players**

1.1 "AAA" is for 7-year-old players, or First Graders in the Coach Pitch Program. No player may turn 8 before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season to be eligible for "AAA".

## **Section 2 General Rules**

2.1 The hidden-ball trick shall not be allowed.

2.2 The infield-fly rule shall not be enforced.

2.3 Saying, "swing" is not allowed. No player or spectator may shout or verbalize swing to the batter after the time of the pitch.

2.4 No Balks.

2.5 Base distances are 60' unless the field the teams are required to play on cannot accommodate that distance then it will be closest to that distance as can practically be done.

2.6 The pitching circle is an 8' radius at the 40' mark from home plate.

2.7 No stealing of bases and no lead offs.

2.8 No running into other players.

2.9 Have fun is allowed and encouraged.

2.10 All players are to participate in the field of play when their team is on defense. There shall not be any more than 6 players on the infield. Players in the outfield are to be at least 30' behind the infielders.

2.11 The fields used by teams in this division may be mixed use fields. If teams play on a field with a 15' arc they will disregard the arc and all balls in fair territory will be considered to be in play.

## **Section 3 Hitting & Pitching**

3.1 Each team will have all kids in the batting order.

3.2 If a player must miss their turn in the batting order then the team will go to the next player and the batter that is missed is **out**. A player is allowed to reenter the game.

3.3 Batted balls that hit a coach in the field of play are considered a dead ball and will be replayed.

3.4 The ball will be dead when a player has control at home plate or the ball hits the infield dirt or is controlled by an infielder within the infield. **EXCEPT FOR THE 9<sup>TH</sup> BATTER THE BALL MUST BE KILLED AT THE HOME PLATE OR A THIRD OUT IS MADE.**

3.5 Bunting is not permitted (players must take a full swing).

3.6 Coaches must pitch overhand to their players. Players do not pitch in this division.

3.7 A coach may pitch from one knee provided that his back knee is in the pitching circle.

3.8 Each batter will receive up to 6 pitches from the coach. Strikeouts are on the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch only. If the ball is not put in play on the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch the batter is out. If a sixth pitch is fouled off, the coach will pitch again until the ball is put in play, the batter misses or looks at a pitch.

3.9 The batter **will not** be awarded a base for being hit by a pitch.

3.10 Bunting is not permitted (players must take a full swing). If an umpire determines the hitter attempted to bunt they may call the play a no pitch and return all base runners and the hitter to their previous position.

## **Section 4 Scoring**

4.1 Each team may send 9-batters to the plate or record 3-outs per at bat or half inning, whichever comes first. There is no run limit; the fielding team must get 3 outs to retire the side.

## **Section 5 Coaches in the Field**

5.1 Coaches are not allowed on the field when their team is on defense.

## **Section 6 Defensive Players**

6.1 While in the field, a team may play all on their roster; all extra players must play OF position.

6.2 The pitcher must stay within a reasonable radius (5 feet) of the pitching rubber.

6.3 All outfielders must be a minimum of 30 feet behind the closest base or closest infielder.

## **Section 7 Base Running**

7.1 When a ball is hit into the outfield, the following rules shall apply:

7.1.1 Runners may advance until the ball hits the infield dirt or is controlled by an infielder within the infield. (see Rule 7.2 regarding overthrows from the infield).

7.1.2 Runners who are less than halfway to the next base must return to the previous base once the pitcher controls the ball. Such runners may not be called out while returning to the previous base (or while running to the next base before being informed of the need to return to the previous base).

7.1.3 Runners who are at least halfway to the next base once the ball is controlled by an infielder may continue to the next base at their own risk. The fielding team may make a play on the runner.

7.1.4 The decision of whether a runner is halfway to the next base when a ball is controlled by an infielder shall be made by the umpire in his discretion. This is not an arguable rule.

7.1.5 Runners may advance on an overthrow from the outfield at their own risk.

7.2 Runners may not advance an extra base on an overthrow to any base by an infielder.

7.3 There are no lead-offs. A runner may advance only after the ball is hit.

### **Section 8 Coaching Base Runners**

8.1 A base coach who physically assists a runner while a ball is in play will be given one warning. Upon a second offense, the involved runner shall be declared out.

8.2 Only two coaches are allowed to assist the on the bases.

### **Section 9 Umpires**

9.1 In the event that SJSA umpires are unavailable, the game should be played with parent volunteers as umpires.

9.2 The Board shall determine the number of paid umpires that will normally be supplied for regular season and playoff games. Games in which two umpires are scheduled may be played with only one umpire.

9.3 Umpires must be in uniform.

9.4 South Jeffco employs young teenagers to officiate games. The association will not tolerate abuse.

### **Section 10 Protests**

10.1 No Protests

### **Section 11 Mercy Rule & Tied Games**

11.1 There are no extra innings during the regular season. If the game is tied at the completion of the allowable number of innings (or time limit) the game shall be declared a tie.

11.2 No new inning shall begin if a team has a 20 run lead after 4 innings or a 15 run lead after 5 innings.

### **Section 12 Game Time**

12.1 Games will be five (5) innings or one hour and fifteen minutes. No new inning will start within 10 minutes of the ending time of any game. Ex: If game start time is 10:00, and games are 1 hour fifteen minutes, you may not start a new inning after 11:05.

Once an inning is started, you must complete it. (In other words both teams will get their at bats, unless the home team is ahead, and if there isn't any danger from lighting, in which case you would make up any portion of the un-played inning.)

12.2 Any games stopped due to inclement weather shall be deemed complete after 3 ½ innings if the home team is a head.