

Welcome to Kansas RBI! **Our coach pitch level of baseball for ages 7-8.** This level of baseball is to introduce the players to baseball, team work and sportsmanship. We hope you enjoy this introductory level of baseball and we hope to see you for many years to come!!

Teams must register on official registration forms. Forms must be completed in their entirety before the first game of the season. Teams found playing with players not listed on their roster will forfeit that game. No players will be allowed to transfer teams after the first game of the season has been played.

Players may play on only one team in the youth coach pitch program. Players may play in two different age divisions. A team found using a player who is on another roster in the same age division will forfeit that game.

The registration form must be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian before the child may participate in the program.

Players who are 8 years of age or under on May 1, 2016 shall be eligible to play. A player is allowed to play up an age group, but players are not allowed to play down an age group.

All team members present and dressed out at the beginning of the game must play at least 2 innings of each game and bat at least once. The number of innings played may be monitored. If a coach is found to be playing a player less than 2 innings or not letting a player bat the team will forfeit that game and the coach will be suspended for the next game.

9 players will be permitted on the playing field. 8 players must be present to start the game. A 10-minute grace period (with a running clock) will be permitted. 11 minutes after the game starting time is forfeit time. A forfeited game will not be umpired. If a player is injured and cannot bat he/she is no longer allowed to re-enter the game. If a player is no longer able to play due to an injury their spot in the batting order will be skipped and no out must be taken.

All teams must have a minimum of 8 participating players on their roster and no more than 13.

Should a team forfeit two consecutive games without notifying Kansas RBI the team will be dropped from the league. Notification must be given two working days prior to the forfeiture.

The home team will keep score. Any discrepancies should be cleared up before the start of a new inning. After a new inning has been started the score from a previous inning will not be changed. Coaches will be required to provide their own scorebook.

Base and pitching distance for Coach Pitch (Boys & Girls)

Bases – 65' Pitching – 46'

6' Pitchers line will be 36 feet from point of plate, coaches will not be allowed to pitch in front of the line or the batter will be called out.

Coach pitchers can pitch under hand for softball or over hand for baseball.

Games will last 6 innings or 75 minutes (whichever comes first). No new inning shall be started after 65 minutes of play.

**COACHES ARE ADVISED TO BUILD A STRONG INFIELD, WEAKER PLAYERS SHOULD PLAY IN OUTFIELD.
COACHES FIRST RESPONSIBILITY IS SAFETY. PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS ON THIS REGULARLY.**

In Coach Pitch all players must be in the batting order. Batting ends after 3 outs are made or 6 runs are scored. Each batter is allowed only 6 pitches (no exceptions – all pitches thrown count). If the 6th pitch is a foul ball the batter can keep swinging only if he continues to foul off pitches. The ball is considered dead when in possession of the pitcher, or when a fielder intentionally throws the ball to the pitcher (regardless of whether the pitcher catches the ball). If a runner is more than half way to a base before the ball reaches the pitcher, then the runner can finish running to the base. 6 runs or 3 outs constitute an inning. Teams must exchange batting lineups before games.

Throwing the bat is not allowed. Each team will be given 1 warning per game. The warning will be noted in BOTH score books by scorekeepers. If the team throws the bat again, the player batting will be out. This is a TEAM warning and OUT system, not an individual. Warnings count for entire team

Coach is allowed only one defensive conference per inning. 2nd trip can be taken only for injury or equipment repair.

There is NO INFIELD FLY rule in Coach Pitch

All players must play at least 2 innings, or half the game. Exception For disciplinary reasons, example: player not showing up for practice.

Late arrivals play at coach's discretion. Coach must report late players to opposing team coach. Late players can be added as the last batter in the lineup.

The kid pitcher must stand to the side of the adult pitcher and in the designated area. The adult pitcher is not allowed to field the ball. If the adult pitcher fields the ball the batter will be called out and the base runners must return to where they started. The adult pitcher is only allowed to defend him/herself and is expected to move out of the way if at all possible.

RUNNERS

- No stealing, or leading off base. (One warning per team) The warning will be noted in BOTH score books by scorekeepers.
- May not interfere with a fielder fielding the ball – interference results in runner being out

- Must avoid collisions
- May not be hit by batted ball in fair (runner will be out)
- Sliding is allowed at 2nd, 3rd or home. Coaches are suggested to teach proper sliding techniques.
- INTERFERENCE from Defense will result in the advancement of 1 base per base runner, including home

THROWAWAY BALLS

1. An overthrow that goes outside the foul line area, but not out of play, baserunner(s) can get one extra base, but runner has to make the base. If runner(s) choose to advance one base then play is dead once runner(s) reaches that base safely. An overthrow that goes into a "designated out of play area" runner(s) will be allowed one base.
2. Runner(s) take as many bases as possible, but advance at their own risk, if the throwaway ball is inside the field of play.
3. More than one base may be taken on a throwaway ball on the last batter, only an out will stop play.

Coach Pitch Games that are tied after the 75 minute time limit will not go into extra innings.

Free substitution will be allowed.

Leading off and stealing are not permitted. If a base runner is called out the runner must return to the dugout and is not allowed to run the bases. One warning will be issued per team.

There will be no infield fly rule. Runners are not forced to slide, this is a non-collision rule. When the ball is caught by the fielder and is in close proximity of any base/plate and in the umpire's discretion a play is eminent, it is the responsibility of the runner to avoid collision with the fielder either by sliding or avoiding the tag. If in the umpire's discretion, the collision is deliberate or there is too much contact the runner will be called out. If in the umpire's discretion the collision is malicious, the player can be called out and possibly ejected from the game. This is not a must slide rule, but a non-collision rule.

Batters, base runners, and on deck batters must wear protective helmets. Catchers must wear protective gear.

Boys must use baseball bats and girls must use softball bats. If the batter throws the bat he/she will receive one warning and will be called out if it happens a second time. If the bat is thrown and hits a defensive player, the batter will automatically be called out. Girls are allowed to hit softballs during games.

Exterior jewelry is not permitted on players.

Players must have numbers on their uniforms for easy identification

Teams are required to exhibit sportsman-like conduct after each game by shaking hands.

Coaches are prohibited from coaching more than two teams in the same age division.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. If a coach, player, or fan is ejected from a game he or she must leave the park immediately. If the same person is ejected from another game he or she will be suspended indefinitely from Kansas RBI league games pending a meeting with the Kansas RBI Executive Director. Further problems from the team may result in a forfeit of the game or removal from the league.

The Code of Ethics must be signed by the head coach and the assistant coach and turned in at the coaches meeting.

Practices will be first come, first serve once the season begins.

Bunting will not be allowed. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are not permitted by any player.

Runner has to maintain contact with the base until the ball has been hit; otherwise, the defensive team shall have the privilege of having nullified any portion of the play that occurred on the violation.

Runner may slide at all bases, no head first slides.

Runner must touch all the bases. If runner misses a base then the defensive team may appeal (via player or coach). This appeal is done verbally, and runner will be called out. Appeal must be made before next batter takes a pitch.

Runner must not be touched by coach, or assisted by touch of coach.

PENALTY: Runner will be called out.

Runners must wear batting helmet at all times while running bases. Player will be called out if he/she pushes helmet off their head.

No protests are allowed on judgment calls of the officials. The official score sheet will be final. Concerns about officials must be made to the umpire supervisor, Dave Gavel. All protests must be filed by the head coach or the assistant coach with Kansas RBI within twenty-four hours of the violation.

Game balls will be provided

One defensive coach is allowed on the field during defense.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- **Will not be tolerated at any time**
- Any incident must be reported to any league official immediately
- Players will be benched by coaches
- Parents and or coaches will be removed from game
- League officials are permitted to discontinue player, coach, or parent from league with no refund of fees at any time due to conduct
- **NO ONE** is permitted to be behind the backstop during active play - **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **PLAY APPEAL Procedure**
 - 1.) **CALL TIME OUT**
 - 2.) Appeal to be made between head coaches only and is to be discussed like adults
 - 3.) If agreement cannot be made, play over is called. Runners retreat to previous base
- **NO TOBACCO of any kind is permitted on any and all practice or game fields or while in the vicinity of any and all players, coaches, parents, etc. Any Coach is permitted to remove any person not following said rule.**
- **DO NOT HAUL PLAYERS IN THE BACK OF AN OPEN PICK UP TRUCK – Players safety is priority #1**
- No parent/spectator may enter the field of play during warmups or game time unless for injury or emergency. **NO EXCEPTIONS** – Teams will forfeit game, and withdraw bids from tournament and all-star game for that season.

The Kansas RBI Executive Director, reserves the right to make final determination on any rules or interpretations that may arise throughout the season. Rules are subject to change.

**** WE THANK ALL COACHES, PARENTS, AND OFFICERS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERED TIME & ENERGY**