



Knothole Baseball

Coach Pitch - Rules

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1. Official game is five (5) innings. No new inning will start after 1 hour 15 minutes from the start of the game. **No exceptions. The next games must start on time.**
2. Coaches should have their players warming up and stretching before the end of the previous game. Each team will get five (5) minutes of infield, starting with the visiting team. **The next games must start on time.**
3. Pitching distance 40 feet. The player in the pitcher position may play no closer to the batter than that. Coaches must draw a line for the pitcher (defensive player) to stay behind.
4. Base distance 55 feet.
5. Team on defense chooses the ball that will be used. A regular baseball is standard.
6. A half inning will consist of three (3) outs or nine (9) batters, whichever comes first.
7. All dressed players will bat in consecutive order throughout the entire game (bat the roster).
8. Batter gets five (5) pitches to hit the ball. If the ball is not hit fair in five (5) pitches a tee will be set up to hit from. There are no strikeouts. **NO MORE THAN five (5) PITCHES!**
9. To insure defensive participation and player development, all dressed players must play at least **two (2)** defensive innings. They need not be consecutive.
10. Each team is allowed to field only ten (10) players (the additional player must be an outfielder). **No exceptions.**
11. Each team is permitted three (3) coaches in the field. One (1) pitching and the other two (2) positioned behind the base path. They may coach the players, but not physically assist them.
12. Base runners may not lead off.
13. On a ball hit off a pitch, the base runners may advance until the ball is returned to the infield. **Please stop all runners once the ball is in the infield!**
14. On a ball hit off a tee, the base runners may only advance one base.
15. All catchers must wear protective cup and throat guards. No one will be permitted to catch without this equipment.
16. If applicable, home team will provide the bases and set up the diamond.