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Until LL spring break, the first four innings of each game will use the pitching machine and thereafter the first 3 innings of each game will use the pitching machine. The balls will be fed into the pitching machine by the manager (or designated adult representative) of the team at bat. The pitching machine will be set up no closer than the regulation minor league softball rubber (35 feet). For any game where the pitching machine is not available or operating, an adult representative from the offensive team will pitch to their batters. Strikes will be called, but bases will not be awarded for walks or hit batters by machine or coach pitch.

When using the pitching machine, the pitch should come to the batter at a rate of speed such that the pitch is “flat”. The pitch should not “loop” in to the batter with an arc.

Following the machine pitch innings, kids will pitch. When kids pitch, the count starts at one strike, no balls

No player shall pitch more than one (1) inning in a game that has three (3) innings pitched by the pitching machine. If there are only one or two machine pitch innings, then no player shall pitch more than two innings in a game. If there is all kid pitch at AA, then no player shall pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. No 12 year old may pitch at AA.

If the batter is thrown four (4) balls by the player pitcher, the batter will remain at the plate. The pitcher will assume the position behind the pitching rubber and the manager or coach of the offensive team will continue pitching to the batter. The batter will retain the number of strikes she had from the player pitcher and with the manager/coach pitching will either hit the ball into fair territory or strike out—you cannot walk or take a base by being hit by the coach pitcher. Batters stilltake first base if hit by pitch from a kid pitcher.

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The number of innings pitched by the pitching machine both at AA and AAA will be reevaluated by the Vice President of Softball and/or his/her designee from time to time and modifications, while not anticipated, may occur. If deemed necessary, the one strike rule described above that applies in AA may be added to AAA. It is anticipated that the one strike rule will apply for entire AA season, but may be eliminated if the Vice President of Softball and/or his/her designee determines that it is not necessary. If the pitching is deemed strong enough, the rule prohibiting walks at AA may also be reconsidered as to it application in the City Series. Any of the changes described in this paragraph—none considered likely-- will be made in consultation with the managers at the AA or AAA level, as applicable.