

7-8 YEAR OLD MACHINE PITCH RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Playing Field:
 - o Distance between bases is 60 feet
 - o Pitching machine will be 42 feet from back tip of home plate. **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
 - o Pitching machine speed will be set to 37 mph **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
 - o Maximum number of players to be on the field while playing a game is 10.
 - o Level 5 baseballs will be the official baseball for this league
2. Length of game:
 - o Regulation games shall be 6 innings.
 - o Game length is 1 hr.
 - o Once the offensive team has scored 6 runs or 3 outs, their half of the inning is over.
3. No player may play more than 2 consecutive innings in the infield.
4. No player may sit more than 1 consecutive innings in the dugout.
5. Batting / Pitching machine:
 - o If a batted ball hits the pitching machine or the pitching machine feeder it will be a dead ball and the batter/runners may only advance 1 base.
 - o Each batter can take a maximum of 6 balls (pitches in or out of the strike zone that the batter does not swing at). A player may only "take" up to six pitches. If a player does not put the ball in play after 6 pitches he/she is out.
 - o An official pitch is one that crosses home plate between the batter's neck and knees.
 - o If a batter swings at a pitch that would have been called an illegal pitch, the pitch counts as a legal pitch.
 - o Bunting is NOT permitted.
 - o Offensive coaches will load the pitching machine and pitch to their own players. A circle will be placed around the pitching machine, and offensive coaches are not allowed out of the circle during play
 - o It will be the responsibility of the Home team coach to ensure the circle around the pitching mound is made prior to the start of the game
6. Base running:
 - o Once any infield player has control of the ball in the infield area, official play is stopped. If a base runner is proceeding to the next base when time is called, that runner will be allowed to continue to the next base. If the base runner's progress has stopped, that base runner will return to the previous base unless it is already occupied. The coach will call time as soon as the lead runner is not attempting to advance.
 - o Base runners may not steal. No runners will leave the base until the batter hits the ball, the runner will be called out if they leave prior to the hit ball
 - o The infield fly rule is not in effect.
7. Outfield players may not be brought in any closer to the batter than the edge of the infield and the outfield grass.
8. Catcher's mitts are recommended but not required.

9. There may be 6 adults on the field during the game. One in each coach's box (hitting team), one on each side of the outfield in foul territory (fielding team - not to be in a position to interfere with the coaches in the coach's boxes)
10. No defensive coaches are allowed in the field of play between the foul lines. One coach may be up the first base line and one coach may be up the third base line as long as they do not interfere with the offensive coaches in the coach's boxes. They can be beyond first and third base in foul territory.