

## 2019 Fall Ball League 7-9 Rules

### Rules

1. Players will bat using a soft compression baseball and bat provided by the team.
2. A coach will be the Pitcher for both the home and away team when needed. The coach shall pitch from a knee, either overhand or underhand, from approximately 25-30 feet away.
  - a. If a batted ball hits the coach pitcher, the play is dead, no pitch.
3. 3 outs or one time through the batting order will consist of a half inning. If every player in the lineup bats, the half inning will be over regardless of number of outs.
4. Every player on the team will be in the batting lineup.
5. Additional players will serve as rovers placed in the outfield or infield.
6. Rules of baseball will apply with a few exceptions listed below.

### Batting

1. Players using a tee will bat with a standard batting tee and is allowed three swings at the ball.
  - a. If they hit a foul ball on the third swing, they are out.
2. Players using coach pitch will get 5 pitches to hit the ball fair. The umpire will determine whether the pitch was a strike and counts towards the pitch limit.
  - a. If a player fouls the 5th pitch, the batting continues until the ball is put in play or they swing and miss, in which they would be declared an out. Fouls count as swings up until the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch.
  - b. If the hitter does not swing and meets the 5 pitch limit, or swings and misses on the 5th pitch they are out
  - c. Players are able to use the tee after 3 pitches, but the tee is not mandatory. They will then get two swings off the tee to hit the ball fair.
3. Foul lines will be observed.
4. There will be no pinch hitting.
5. There is no bunting allowed.
6. A player will be called out for throwing a bat – there are no warnings.

### Fielding

1. Free substitutions at any position. No switching of positions during an inning unless an injury occurs.

### Baserunning

1. No leading off and no stealing.
2. No pinch running with the exception of an injury. In the case of an injury, the last out can then run for the injured player.
3. A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher with two outs. The last out that inning will be the courtesy runner.
4. No running into fielders or running out of the baselines. Those runners will be called out.
5. Runners will advance only one base on an overthrow out of play.

### Length of Scrimmage

1. Scrimmages will last until 7:15 pm.
2. The scrimmage will end without finishing an inning once we reach 7:15 pm.