

# New Richmond Baseball Club

## Machine Pitch Rules

(rules apply for entire season)

### 1. GAME

- A. The game will be 6 Innings in length. (no new inning may start after 80 min)
- B. Speed up rules will be used. If your next inning catcher is on base with 1 or more outs, he will be substituted for by the player who made the last out. This will allow the catcher to get ready for the next inning. The pitcher may be substituted also, to help warm up before the next inning.
- C. Maximum of 5 runs per inning.
  - \*Allow continuation on the last play of the inning, but only 5 runs will be counted.
- D. All players present will be in the batting order.
- E. Rotate players from the bench to the field every inning. No player may sit out more than 2 innings in a row.
- F. Teams will play 4 outfielders if possible . All outfielders must start on the outfield grass.
- G. No player should play the same position for more than 1 innings during a game.
  - \*Exception is if player has physical restriction or other condition but should be discussed with opposing coach
- H. Games will be called by 4:30pm. If inclement weather develops during the game the coaches and umpires will make the decision to call game.

### 2. GENERAL

- A. NRBC team t-shirt and hat required, along with baseball pants.
- B. Rubber soled shoes or rubber spikes only – no metal spikes allowed
- C. Catcher must wear full catcher's gear
- D. Score will not be kept.
- E. We will not have umpires for this league. Batting team coaches will make the calls on the field. (May have umps for the first few games to allow new umps for Minors to get some experience)

D. All basic Little League baseball rules will apply if not covered above.

### **3. PITCHING**

A. We will use a pitching machine instead of a pitcher.

B. Coach will feed pitching machine for his own team.

C. The pitcher will stand next to the pitching machine.

D. Back of pitching machine should be at the front of the closest pitching rubber.

### **4. HITTING**

A. A batter is out on 3 strikes swinging or called by coach.

\*A batter may NOT advance to first base on a dropped third strike.

\*Coach feeding the pitching machine can call strikes on batter.

C. A batter throwing the bat will be warned once, and called out on a second occurrence.

D. All batters, base runners, and on-deck batters must wear protective head gear.

E. No big barrel bats allowed – max is 2 1/4" diameter.

### **5. BASE RUNNING**

A. Base stealing is not allowed

B. Runners cannot lead off of the base until the ball reaches home plate

C. Runner on third base may NOT advance home on a throw back to the pitcher.

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