

8U/9U Kid Pitch Rules

This league will run from mid-April and to the end of June. Teams will compete in 10 games with multiple practices through the season.

General Rules

1. Strong emphasis should be placed on instruction, mechanics and sportsmanship along with learning basics of the game in order to transition to higher levels.
2. Games will consist of as many innings that can be played within 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes). No new inning after 1hr. 5 minutes.
3. Score will be kept at start of game.
4. After each game, all players will line up and congratulate the players from the other team on a good game.
5. Must have 7 players present to play game, otherwise reschedule.
6. No player can sit on the bench for more than 1 inning in any game – everyone bats.
7. Game will have umpire to call game.

Batting & Baserunning Rules

1. Batting order should change for every game. The same kid will not lead off every game. Suggest that coach set the batting order at the start of the season.
2. On deck batters are not permitted to leave the dugout until it is their turn to bat.
3. Walks are allowed, however wide strike zone is encouraged to get kids swinging bat.
4. No bunting, balks, or infield fly rule.
5. Players may not lead off, but may steal once ball gets over home plate. There is no stealing home or scoring on a passed ball/wild pitch. Players need to be either hit or walked home.
6. Runners may advance one base for an overthrow, but cannot score on an overthrow.
7. There is a 5 run limit per inning.
8. Bases will be at 60ft and pitching distance is 40 ft.

Fielding & Pitching Rules

1. Catchers must wear all protective equipment (cups required for catchers).
2. Standard baseball rules will be enforced. 4 balls for walk, 3 strikes for strikeout. 3 outs per inning.
3. Kids may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game.
 - a. A pitch count must be kept.
 - b. Pitching - Pitcher finishes the batter they are pitching to
 - c. Maximum pitches per day=50 pitches
 - If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
 - d. All kids that want to pitch should be given the opportunity to pitch
4. Dead ball when thrown to pitcher or ball is in the pitcher circle (dead zone)
5. If defensive team does not have all 3 outfielders, runners cannot advance more than 2 bases on any hit
6. Kids will sit no more than one inning at a time.
7. Have a catcher in gear unless up to hit to speed up the game. Can sub a pinch runner for catcher, if needed.

End of season Tourney for 8U/9U will be at the end of June.