

ROOKIE COACH PITCH BASEBALL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Each batter has the option to hit a pitched ball or have the ball placed on a Tee for his/her at-bat. The Tee is located immediately in front of and parallel to the front of home plate.

If the player chooses to hit a pitched ball, he/she will have four pitches only, regardless of the quality of pitch, to put the ball in play. If the ball is not put in play in 4 pitches, it will be placed on the Tee.
2. A struck ball must go at least 12 feet (12') and must be within the foul lines to be a fair ball. Any ball hit less than 12' but between the lines will be deemed foul and the batter shall try again.
3. Players are permitted three (3) attempts to hit the ball 12' or more. On the fourth try, the ball is in play, if fair, regardless of distance hit.
4. All players present at the game will bat once every inning.
5. Play shall be stopped when all normal progressions of the runners has stopped. The ball is then returned to the batting area for placement on the tee by the home plate umpire.
6. A batter cannot strike the ball until the umpire says to "play ball".
7. The last batter in each inning shall run to home after his/her hit (i.e. he/she gets to hit a home run).
8. Regardless of the number of outs recorded, a half inning continues until the entire line-up of the batting team has batted. Runners who are ruled out shall remain on base and circle the bases until crossing home (i.e. everyone scores each inning).
9. All batters and base runners must wear helmet with a protective face mask.
10. Coaches should work with players who have a tendency to throw their bats.
11. The catcher must wear a helmet.
12. Defensive positions should be as close as possible to the standard baseball defensive positions with the extra players filling positions in between the regular positions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dublin Youth Athletics is an association of parent volunteers providing sports programs for kids. Coaches and league officials are volunteers. Please take time to thank them for making this program possible for your children.

Rookie Coach Pitch Baseball is for youths who are kindergartners and reside within the Dublin City School District or within the City of Dublin.

The 2008 season begins the week of May 5, 2008 and ends approximately July 12, 2008. No games are scheduled May 23, May 24, May 25, May 26, July 3 and July 4.

Each team is scheduled to play a total of 14 games, generally two games per week, one during a weekday and one on Saturday.

Each game lasts one hour and five minutes or three innings, whichever comes first. Weekend games may be played up to 1 hour and 15 minutes or four innings, whichever comes first.

Games and practices will generally be held at one of the following locations:

Albert Chapman Elementary, 8450 Sawmill Road

Karrer Middle School, 7245 Tulleymore Drive

Riverside Elementary, 3260 Riverside Green Drive

Wyandot Elementary, 5620 Dublinshire Road

Players will receive a team shirt, hat, and stirrup socks. Parents should provide white baseball pants, playing shoes (without spikes) and gloves or mitts. Trophies will be provided to each player at the end of the season.

Picture Day for all Tee-Ball players and their team is scheduled for May 10th. Details and photo packages will be mailed to each team by Midwest Sports Photography.

GAME PROCEDURES

1. Games are to start promptly at 6:15 p.m. on each night of league play during the week and at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. No make-up game on Sunday will begin prior to 1:00 p.m.
2. Both teams must have at least seven (7) players to start a game. If a team has fewer than seven players, it is recommended that players be borrowed from the opposing team. However, the decision to borrow or loan players rests entirely with the two head coaches.
3. Games should be kept moving along. Coaches are expected to have their players ready to bat and to have their team ready to take the field after all players have batted.
4. Players should warm-up by playing catch. There is no need for teams to take infield warm-up procedures prior to the game or between innings.
5. Head coaches will encourage assistant coaches and parents to help in lining up the players and prepare them to bat so that the progress of the games are not delayed.
6. Head coaches or assistant coaches will pitch to their own team members.

Head coaches or assistant coaches will also act as umpires: The umpire should be positioned behind home plate and will be responsible for putting the ball in play by placing it on the Tee and announcing "Play Ball" after verifying that all players are ready, thereby indicating that the hitter may take his/her swing at the ball. The base coaches will also be umpires for plays at first and third bases. The defensive team's coach will be the umpire for plays at second base.
7. Head coaches are required to handle his/her team's fans. Games may be terminated for fan unruliness.
8. No alcohol beverages are allowed at any DYA game, including Rookie Coach Pitch Baseball games.
9. Head coaches will ensure that the field is in playable condition for the next game. Everyone is responsible for the proper disposal of any trash or debris left behind by themselves or their teammates. Everyone will also be responsible for collecting his/her own equipment and personal belongings brought to the games.