# **2019 COACH PITCH RULES**

# **The purpose of Coach Pitch is to teach the basic fundamentals of baseball**

1. The diamond needs to be set up according to official Pony rules:

a. Distance between bases = 50 feet

b. Pitching Distance = 38 feet

c. Home Plate to center of second base = 70 feet

2. All games will be 5 innings or 1 and 30 minutes, whichever comes first.

3. Scores will be kept.

4. 3 outs per inning or 10 runs in one inning – teams will then switch.

Accept for the Championship Game, There is no time limit, all 5 inning will be played and no 10 run rule in the 5th and final inning.

5. A batter will be declared out after failing to hit a fair ball after six pitches. If

sixth is foul 1 more pitch allowed.

6. Batters are not permitted to bunt or soft swing at the ball.

7. The batter is out if they throw their bat – NO EXCEPTIONS!

8. Players will begin pitching from game #1. The player will pitch 3 balls- the

coach may pitch the remaining 3 balls.

9. Pitchers will not pitch in more than two innings during one game.

10. Base runners are not permitted to steal bases and will remain in contact with

the base until ball is hit.

11. If a player is called out while running the bases, an explanation should be given by the coach as to why they are out, and they need to leave the field.

12. Adults must coach 1st and 3rd base.

13. Metal cleats are not allowed. Anyone found wearing metal cleats during the

game will be ejected.

14. Coaches will be required to hold a minimum of 1 practice per week.

15. All players in the field must wear sponsors uniform, shirt, hat and gray pants

16. Players or adult volunteers who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct such as

fighting, abusive language, or similarly derogatory activity, may be suspended for

one or more games.

17. All Coaches & Teams are responsible for field clean-up (practices and games).

18. All kids may play on the field with the extras to play on the grass.

19. Player designated as the pitcher will stay within arm’s length of the coach

pitching

20. Ball will be ruled dead when the pitcher has the ball in hand and is on the

mound.

21. One base on an overthrow and only 1 over throw can occur. Ball is dead after first overthrow.

22. Coaches are allowed to kneel when pitching to kids.