

# Playing Rule

## Baseball 5/6u - Softball 5/6u



### Coach Pitch

- A. Games will last one hour or five innings, whichever occurs first.
- B. There is a 15-player limit per team. The OCAC reserves the right to add children at any time to any roster that has not met the maximum of 15. This includes any preformed teams coming into the league.
- C. Inning limits:
  - 1. 5 runs per inning or 3 outs whichever occurs first.
- D. A minimum of 6 players is required to start/continue a game.
- E. Teams will bat roster.
  - 1. Batter shall receive a maximum of 5 pitches.
    - a. If within the first three pitches the batter does not hit the ball fair, the coach has the option to use a batting T or pitch for two additional chances, after the two additional swings, the batter is declared out.
  - 2. Dead Ball
    - a. Umpire will verbally call "Time" as soon as a batted ball is fielded and returned to the infield, all runners must stop advancing until the next batter puts the ball into play with a hit in fair territory.
  - 3. Players are not allowed to steal or lead off.
  - 4. Infield fly rule does not apply
- F. No Bunting. **PENALTY:** Batter is out and ball is dead.
- G. If the ball touches the coach, umpire or parent when it is hit it will be considered a live ball.
- H. Defensive positions.
  - 1. Free substitution on defense, batting order must remain the same
  - 2. 10 players on field at any time. Teams are allowed 1 Pitcher, 1 Catcher and four infielders, all others must play outfield positions.
    - a. Pitcher must be in positioned to the first base side of the coach.
- I. Coaching positions.
  - 1. Offense (4)
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> base
    - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> base
    - c. Pitcher - Pitching distance is at coach's discretion. Depending on the batter, coaches may pitch over or underhanded. (Coach must wear a glove when pitching)
    - d. Behind the plate to help catch balls and position the batter.
  - 2. Defense (2)
    - a. Coaches must be positioned in the outfield.
- J. Game balls will be provided at field.
- K. The OCAC rulebook will govern any rules not covered here.
- L. See the OCAC COVID-19 guidelines for any temporary rule changes.