

Daily Family YMCA of Bixby

Youth Baseball

Wee Ball/Coach Pitch Rules 2007

The Field

- A. 60 feet between bases, 40 feet from home plate to the pitcher's plate.
- B. A line will be made to mark a distance 30 feet away from home plate, down the first and third base lines. All infielders must play behind this line until the ball is hit
- C. A 10 foot arc will be drawn from foul line to foul line in front of home plate. A hit ball must go past this area in order to be considered "in play".

General Rules of Play

- A. A game will consist of 5 innings or 1 hour, whichever comes first.
- B. No inning shall start 10 minutes prior to the end of game time.
- C. Each player must receive equal playing time.
- D. All players on the roster will bat regardless of whether he or she plays defense that inning
- E. Teams will consist of 10 players on the field, plus substitutes. A team may start a game with as few as 7 players.
- F. An inning is over after a team makes three outs, or after the offensive team has batted through the lineup.

Pitching/Batting

- A. Each team will designate an adult coach to pitch to their own team.
- B. The adult pitcher may not field the ball once it has been hit. If the ball makes contact with the coach, it will be considered a live ball and In play.
- C. Each player will be given 4 chances to make contact with a pitched ball – if a player swings and misses the first 4 pitches, he/she will be ruled out.
- D. If the ball is not put into play in 4 pitches, the batter will be given 1 chance to put the ball in play from a tee.
- E. If the ball is not put into play off the tee, the batter will be ruled out.
- F. A player must hit to get on base (no free walks).
- G. A batted ball must go past the 10 foot arc that surrounds home plate in order to be considered a fair ball. If a batted ball does not go past the arc, the ball will be dead and the batter will be allowed to hit again. This will be considered a foul ball and will be counted as a strike.
- H. If the ball makes contact with the plate (or base of the tee) it will be ruled a dead ball. This will be considered a foul ball and will be counted as a strike.
- I. **Wee Ball players will have 5 attempts to get the ball in play off the tee. Players must strike the ball, not the Tee in order to have a successful attempt at a “fair” ball.**

Base-Running

- A. Players are not permitted to steal or lead-off bases. One foot must be in contact with the base at the time of the hit.
- B. There is not an infield fly rule -in effect.
- C. Baserunners may not advance on an overthrow. Once the baserunner makes it to the base, the play will be ruled dead. Once a thrown ball from the outfield enters the infield, the play will be ruled dead, whether or not an infielder has possession of the ball.

- D. Players may proceed one base at a time. (After a hit, the player may go to 1st base only.)
- E. If a player runs to the wrong base, play will continue until that player makes it to the correct base safely, or is thrown out by the defense.

Scoring

- A. No score or season standings will be recorded in keeping with the spirit of a “recreational” league.
- B. No run rule will be in effect.

Defense

- A. Coaches should attempt to place their team in actual positions as much as possible (Traditional positions plus and extra outfielder).
- B. Outfielders must be stationed behind the infielders when play begins. It is suggested that every participant play every position at some point during the season. Even though it may be rare for an outfielder to get to field a ball, every player should rotate in at that position.
- C. Infielders may be stationed no closer than 30 ft to home plate for safety reasons.
- D. Infielders should attempt to throw to the correct base and get an out (An overthrow does not allow the runner to advance).
- E. Outfielders may throw the ball to a base or to the infield, making the play dead.
- F. The "pitcher" must play within a 5-foot radius of the pitcher's mound.

Coaches

- A. Coaches will be allowed on the field during play. A ball that hit a coach in play is ruled a live ball.
- B. Coaches should attempt to help their players bat and field the balls correctly while not interfering with regular play of the game.