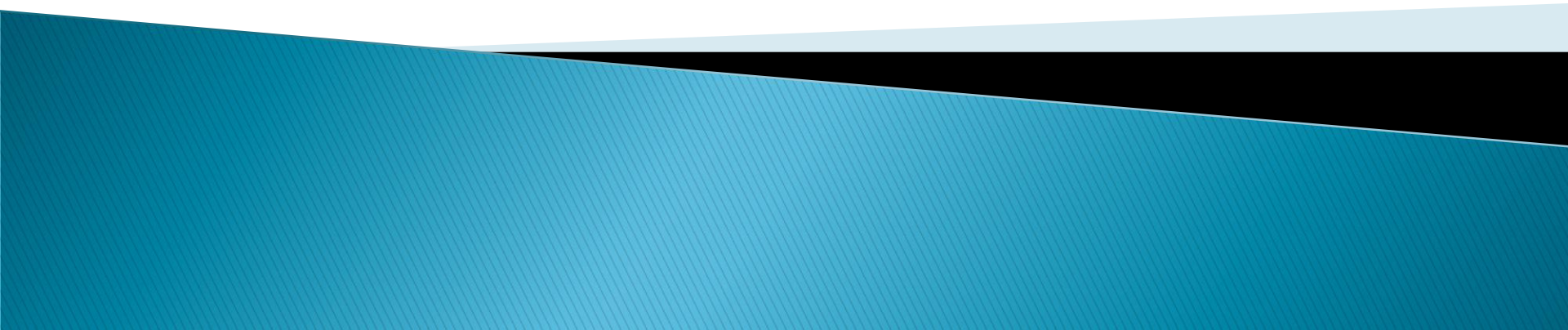


Washita Canadian Valley League

Rules Meeting

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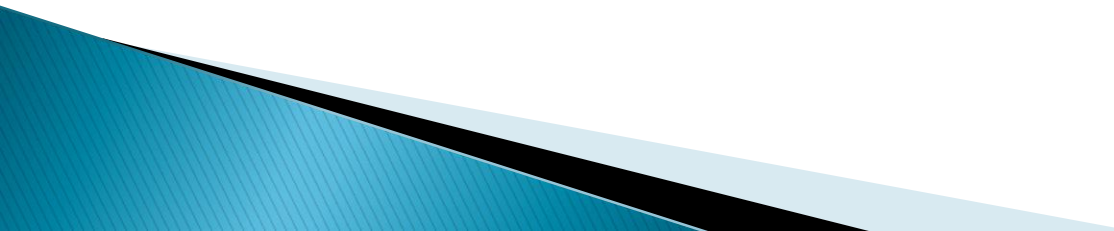


Organization

- ▶ WCVL President – Glen Shoemake
- ▶ Board of Directors
 - Town presidents from each town (or elected member)
 - May have an at-large member

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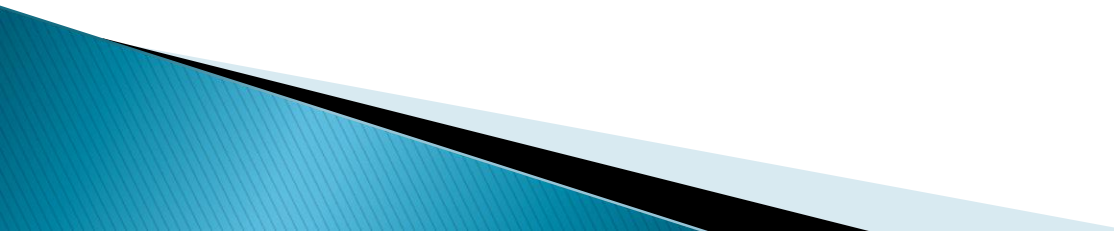
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- ▶ Rule book
 - ▶ Schedules and tournament brackets
 - ▶ Standings
 - ▶ Pitching records
 - ▶ Contact information
 - ▶ Announcements
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Website Logins: To Input Scores

- ▶ Username: wcvl
- ▶ Password: wcvl

Website Logins: To Input Pitching

- ▶ Username: wcvlpitching
 - ▶ Password: baseball
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Website

Coaches

Input roster by downloading the form and filling in the required information. Save the document to your computer and print it or e-mail it to the WCVL president. **DUE BEFORE YOUR FIRST LEAGUE GAME.** NO ROSTER, FORFEIT THE GAME.

Contract cards should be downloaded and printed. Every player must fill out and sign a contract card in order to be legal. **DUE BEFORE YOUR FIRST LEAGUE GAME.**

Download and print a release form for each player that needs a release. **MUST BE TURNED IN TO ME BEFORE MAY 31st.**

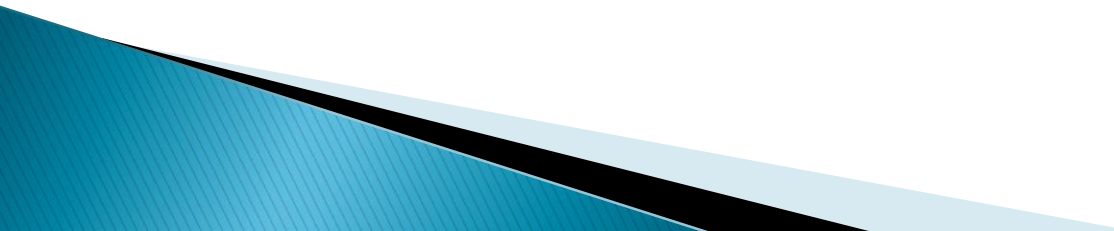
Coaches should keep copies of these documents with them at all times.

Great Circle Rule

If a player is playing in the town where he goes to school, he will not need a release.

If a player is not playing in the town where he goes to school, you must draw a STRAIGHT LINE from the player's house to the field where he plays his home games. Using the player's house as the center, draw a circle. Any city limits of other towns that have an OK Kids team in the player's age division that fall within the circle, will need to have all coaches in that age division sign the release so the player will be legal.

Other Coaches' Responsibilities

- ▶ Input game scores after each game ASAP.
 - ▶ Keep copies of
 - birth certificates
 - contract cards
 - release forms (when needed)
 - and a roster with them at all times.
 - ▶ **ALWAYS** act in a sportsmanlike manner. Work with officials and parents to provide a positive atmosphere for all participants.
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Umpires

Follow pre-game meeting guidelines.

If working a peewee and midget game, you will need a pitching card or some way to record all pitchers in the game.

OK Kids RULE EMPHASIS (CP & up)

- ▶ It is illegal for any manager, coach, parent or player to attempt to recruit anyone from an OK Kids team or league to play with another OK Kids team anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. If it is proven that this has taken place, the person or persons involved could receive a lifetime ban from associating with OK Kids in any capacity. The OK Kids President will determine the punishment for the violation of this rule. If a lifetime ban is proposed, a majority vote of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will be required to implement the lifetime ban.
- ▶ Any person affiliated with an OK Kids team who directly or indirectly approaches a player of a team for the purpose of inducing him to leave that team during the current season shall be liable to a punishment that OK Kids deems fit. Reports of these instances should be reported to the OK Kids president.

Age Requirements

T-Ball cannot be 7 year old prior to Jan. 1

Coach Pitch cannot be 9 year old prior to Jan. 1

Peewee cannot be 11 year old prior to Jan. 1

Midget cannot be 13 year old prior to Jan. 1

A player may play up a division, but never down.



Umpires

- ▶ All Peewee, Midget, and Prep games will use at least one OSSAA certified umpire during all WCVL games and tournaments. Home team forfeits if proper umpire(s) are not used. Protests must be made and filed within 48 hours.
- ▶ Coaches may umpire games outside their own team's classification.
- ▶ A relative or kin of a player may umpire any game if he is not the home plate umpire. Failure to comply - Forfeiture of game.

TIME LIMITS

T-BALL	1 HOUR
COACH PITCH	1 HOUR 15 MINUTES
PEEWEE	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES
MIDGET	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

No inning will start after the time limit has expired. The inning ends when the 3rd out is made in the bottom of the inning. If time still remains when the 3rd out is made, another inning should be played (if game is not complete or score is tied).

Example: 3rd out is made and 30 seconds remain on time limit. Even though teams have not taken the field when the time limit expires, another inning should be played.

Grace Period and # of Players

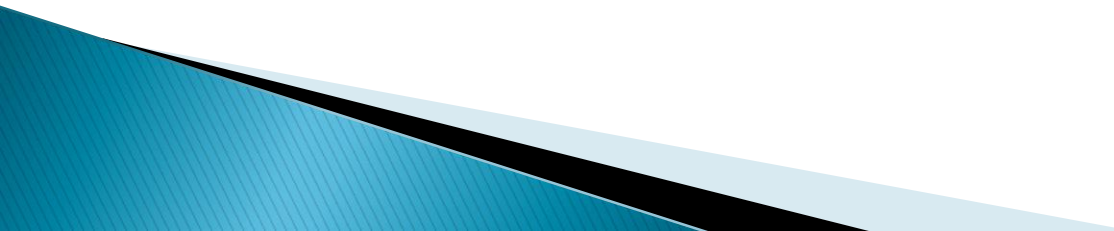
- ▶ A 10-minute grace period will be allowed after scheduled game time.
- ▶ A WCVL team must have at least 7 players in order to play a game. Automatic outs will be recorded where vacant positions are placed in the line-up. A team may go up to 9 players if eligible players arrive.

NOTE: In OK Kids playoffs, you must start with 9 players or it is a forfeit. You may go to 8 if a player is injured, but must start with 9.

Speed Up Rule

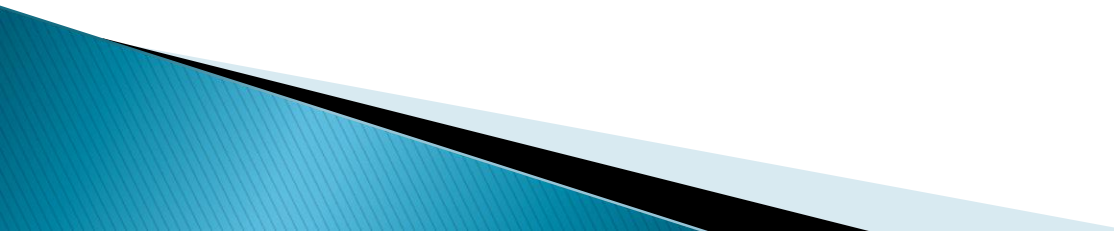
- ▶ **SPEED UP RULE:** One minute or five warm-up pitches between innings, whichever comes first. Time starts when the third out is made. The ball should be returned to the nearest umpire or pitcher's mound as soon as the third out is made. A pitcher that comes in during the inning or at the start of the game will be given 8 pitches to warm-up.

Regulation Innings

- ▶ T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Peewee teams will play 5 innings.
 - ▶ Midget teams will play 6 innings.
 - ▶ Prep and older will play 7 innings.
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Run Limits – Run Rules

T-Ball	6 runs per inning	no run rule
Coach Pitch	6 runs per inning	no run rule (in playoffs – 12 run rule after 3 or 2.5 with home team ahead)
Peewee	10 runs per inning	12 run rule
Midget	10 runs per inning	10 run rule



Regulation Distances

- ▶ From back point of home plate to front of the pitcher's rubber

	<u>T-B</u>	<u>C-P</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>MG</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>MN</u>
▶	42'	42'	42'	47'	60'6"	60'6"

- ▶ Between bases

▶	60'	60'	70'	70'	90'	90'
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Authorized Personnel

A team is only allowed 4 adults on the field during games. Authorized personnel will consist of 3 coaches and 1 scorekeeper. If the scorekeeper chooses to sit outside the field area, then there will only be 3 coaches allowed in the dugout.

Failure to comply – Forfeiture of the game.

Substitutions

- ▶ Any player, starter or substitute, may be removed from the game and re-enter once. They must re-enter in the same position in the batting line-up from which they were removed.

Pitcher Substitution

- ▶ In Peewee or Midgets, if a player is the pitcher when he is removed from the line-up, he may return to the line-up, but he may not pitch again in that game.

NOTE: If he is removed from the mound to play a different position, he may return to pitch one time during that game. If removed from the mound a second time, he may not return to pitch in that game.

Pitching Rule – PW and M

Regular Season

If a pitcher throws 9 outs or less, he may return 2 days later (rest 1 day).

If a pitcher throws 1 pitch more than 9 outs, he may return 3 days later (rest 2 days).

A pitcher must record an out or (according to OK Kids rules) he has not pitched.

Tournaments

You may relax the rule 1 day for each pitcher in a tournament. You may only do this once for each pitcher during the tournament.

Pitching Rule – PW and M

Example

Pitcher A pitches 9 outs in his league game on Thursday. He **MUST** sit out 1 day without pitching before he is eligible to pitch. He may pitch as many innings as he wants on Saturday. Pitcher A pitches 15 outs on Saturday in the tournament. He may pitch on Monday in a tournament game since you can relax the rule 1 day for a tournament. However, he would not be eligible to pitch in a league game on Monday! You **cannot apply** the tournament rule to days **entering or exiting** a tournament. **IT ONLY APPLIES TO TOURNAMENT GAMES!**

Defensive Conferences

- ▶ A coach may call time to meet with his defense. A team is allowed 3 defensive conferences during a game. After the third conference in a game, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position (Peewee and older). In T-Ball and Coach Pitch games, the umpire will not allow a fourth conference to take place.
- ▶ When a coach attends to an injured or ill player, a conference will not be charged.
- ▶ If the pitcher is replaced (PW and M), then a conference will not be charged.

Offensive Conferences

- ▶ A team is allowed one offensive conference in a half inning. The umpire will not allow a second conference to take place.
- ▶ NOTE: A team on offense or defense may meet with player(s) if the other team is conferencing. This will not count as a charged conference unless the conference delays the restart of play.

RAIN OUTS

Monday

You will play at 9:00 (if 6:30 game) or 10:30 (if 8:00 game) on the following Saturday.

Tuesday

You will play at Noon (if 6:30 game) or 1:30 (if 8:00 game) on the following Saturday.

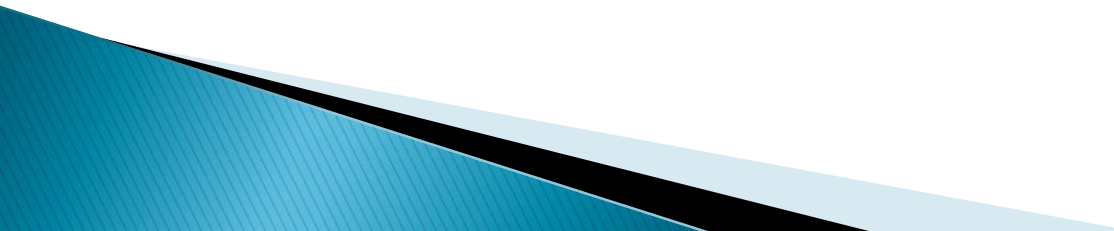
Thursday

You will play at 3:00 (if 6:30 game) or 4:30 (if 8:00 game) on the second Saturday.

Friday

You will play at 6:00 (if 6:30 game) or 7:30 (if 8:00 game) on the second Saturday.

Rainouts and pitching rule

- ▶ It is important to notify the League President of any changes to the peewee or midget schedules so they can be posted on the website.
 - ▶ It is imperative we have an accurate schedule so that the pitching rule can be analyzed properly.
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Infield Fly rule

- ▶ The infield fly rule will not apply in the t-ball or coach pitch divisions.
- ▶ With less than 2 outs and 1st and 2nd base occupied (or bases loaded), then the infield fly rule will be in effect.
- ▶ A bunt or line drive can never be an infield fly.
- ▶ If the fair fly ball can be fielded WITH REASONABLE EFFORT by any infielder, then the infield fly rule will be called.
- ▶ Reasonable effort is a judgment call by the umpire. In general, the player should not have to lunge, dive, or backpedal while making the catch.
- ▶ There is not a restriction on LOCATION. A player can be on outfield grass and an infield fly be called. A ball can drop on infield and not be an infield fly.

Balks

- ▶ There are no warnings on balks (even early in the year!). It is a violation and should be called, just like an out call.
- ▶ Umpires should explain the violation to the pitcher after a balk is called. Use it as a teaching moment for the player.

Common Balks

- ▶ Improper form:

WIND UP – player starts with pivot foot on rubber and non-pivot foot on or behind the rubber.

- ✓ Player must disengage with pivot foot first.
- ✓ Once he steps with non-pivot foot, he must deliver the pitch to the plate.

STRETCH – player starts with pivot foot on rubber and non-pivot foot in front of rubber.

- ✓ Ball must be in glove or hand, cannot switch back and forth while on rubber.
- ✓ May step to a base without stepping off. If step is toward first, he must throw.
- ✓ Players must come to a “discernable” stop before delivering pitch to home plate.

Common Balks

- ▶ Improper form with runner on third:

WIND UP

Runner on third breaks home, the pitcher simply throws to home plate without disengaging the rubber. If he goes through the full motion, it will be considered a pitch. If he does not, it is a balk.

STRETCH

Runner on third breaks home, the pitcher simply throws to home plate without disengaging the rubber. If he has not come set and came to a discernable stop, this is a balk. If he has come set, it will be considered a pitch.

Common Balks

- ▶ Going to the mouth:

A player may go to his mouth when he is not on the rubber. He must wipe his fingers before touching the ball.

If he goes to his mouth while he is on the rubber, it is a balk.

Common Balks

- ▶ Starting and Stopping:

STRETCH

Once a player goes set, any motion after that must be a continuous move, regardless of where the pitcher is going.

When a pitcher starts to go set, it must be one continuous motion, without stopping.

Common Balks

- ▶ Dropping the ball:

If the pitcher is on the rubber and drops the ball, it will be considered a balk when there are runners on base. If no runners are on base, the ball must cross a foul line in order for a call to be made.... In that case, the delivery is considered a pitch and a ball will be called.

Bat Regulations

- ▶ Coach Pitch, Peewee, and Midgets will be allowed bats with a
 - maximum length of 33”
 - maximum weight differential of -13.5
 - maximum barrel of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ”


T-Ball

1. Every player will be listed on the batting lineup.
2. Each batter will be allowed 3 swings to hit a fair ball. If he fouls the 3rd strike, he is allowed another swing until he hits a fair ball or strikes out. No limit on foul balls.

NOTE: If a ball does not travel outside the circle, it is an illegally hit ball. On a third swing, this is not a foul ball, batter is out.

3. Batters may not bunt.
4. Use Worth RIF LEVEL 5 balls.

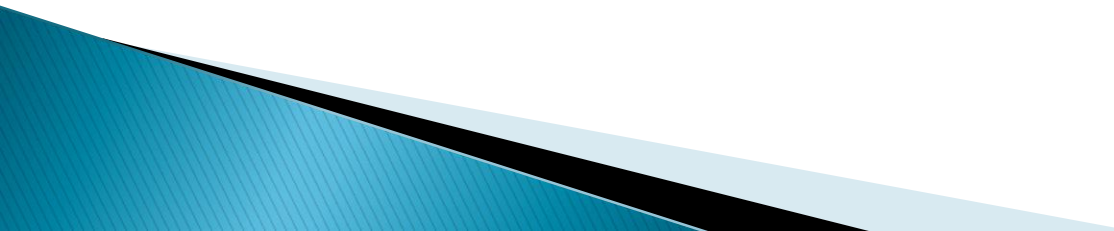
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5. **Batting Coach:** The batting coach will be responsible for adjusting the tee. He must stay outside the circle away from play. He will remove tee after the ball is hit.
 6. If in the umpire's opinion the bat is thrown in a reckless manner outside the home plate circle, the umpire will issue a team warning on the first occurrence. If any batter from the warned team violates the rule again, the batter will be called out and the result of his at bat will be nullified.
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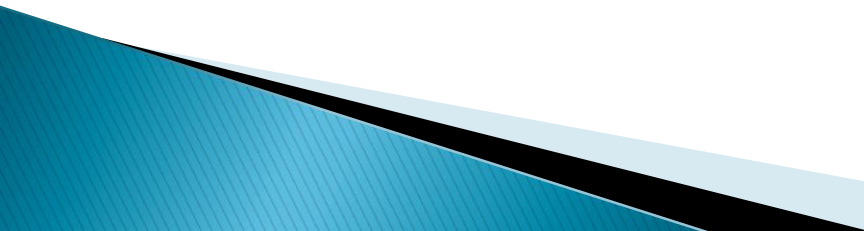
T-Ball

7. No leading off base or stealing will be allowed. One team warning on leadoff and stealing. Thereafter, the runner will be called out.
8. **Stopping play:** The lead runner has stopped advancing at the discretion of the umpire.
9. **Base Runners:** If a base runner has not passed a line one-half ($1/2$) the distance between the bases when play is stopped the runner must return to the previous base.
10. **Fielder Positions:** At least three (3) outfielders must stand behind the baselines. 10 players will be allowed on defense if the team has 10 or more players present. Because one team has 9 or less players will not restrict the team with 10 or more.

T-BALL

11. The catcher must stay outside and behind the home plate circle and to the opposite side of the batter. He must wear a mask with a throat protector and chest protector. Shin guards, catcher's helmet, and a protective cup are optional.
 12. No defensive coaches are allowed on the field.
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Coach Pitch

1. Every player will be listed on the batting lineup. During post-season play, only 9 players will be listed and substitution rules apply.
 2. Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches or 3 swings to hit a fair ball. If he fouls the 5th pitch or 3rd strike, he is allowed another pitch until he hits a fair ball or strikes out. No limit on foul balls.
 3. Batters may bunt. If a third strike bunt is foul then batter is out.
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Coach Pitch

4. **Coach Pitch Pitcher:** The pitcher must pitch overhand only from a standing position on the rubber.
5. **Coach Pitch Pitcher Coaching Restrictions:** The pitcher can not talk to anyone while he/she is in fair territory.

PENALTY: First violation--warning by umpire must be recorded in the official score book.

Second violation--must be removed from the game, the playing field and the complex.

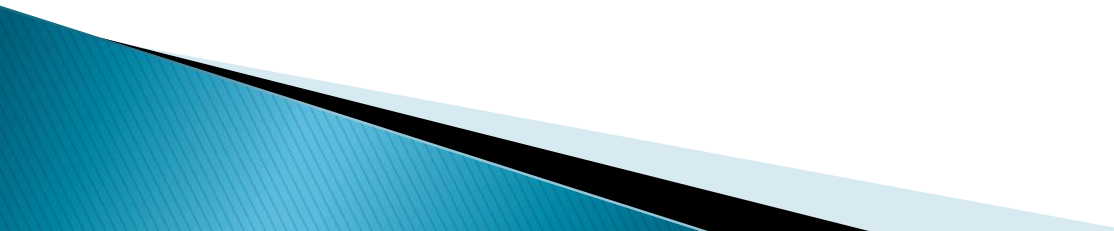
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Coach Pitch

10. **Player/Pitcher Position:** The player/pitcher must stand three (3) feet to the left or right of the pitching rubber.
 11. **Pitching Coach Interference:** The pitching coach must exit fair territory after the ball is hit and/or avoid contact.
- ▶ **PENALTIES:** Runners return to the base they occupied as if it were a foul ball. Hit by thrown ball is the same penalty. Interfering with a player attempt to make a play results in the batter being out and no runners can advance.

Coach Pitch

13. Only 9 players will be allowed to play on defense.
 14. If in the umpire's opinion the bat is thrown in a reckless manner outside the home plate circle, the umpire will issue a team warning on the first occurrence. If any batter from the warned team violates the rule again, the batter will be called out and the result of his at bat will be nullified.
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