

# PLAYING RULES

## Machine Pitch

- A. Games will last 90 min. or five innings, whichever occurs first. No new inning will start with 5min or less left on the clock.
- B. Inning limits:
  - 1. 5 runs per inning or 3 outs whichever occurs first.
- C. A minimum of 8 players is required to start/continue a game.
- D. Teams will bat roster.
  - Batter shall receive a maximum of 5 pitches. If the fifth pitch is hit foul the batter will remain alive as long as they continue to foul off pitches.
  - 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.
    - b. When batted ball touches pitching machine or generator.  
**EFFECT:** Batter awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base all others advance if forced
  - 3. Players are not allowed to steal or lead off.
  - 4. Infield fly rule does not apply
- E. **NO BUNTING IS ALLOWED**
- F. If the ball touches the coach, umpire or parent when it is hit it will be considered a live ball.
- G. Defensive positions.
  - 1. Free substitution on defense, batting order must remain the same
  - 2. 10 players max on field at any time
    - a. Pitcher must be in positioned to the left of the machine.
- H. Coaching positions.
  - 1. Offense (4)
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> base
    - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> base
    - c. Pitcher
    - d. Behind the plate to help catch balls and position the batter.
  - 2. Defense (2)
    - a. Coaches must be positioned in the outfield.
- I. We will two game balls.
- J. A machine-approved ball will be used.
  - 1. Pitching machine may be adjusted at the discretion of the umpire
- K. The OCAC rulebook will govern any rules not covered here.
- L. A flip of a coin between the two managers will determine the home team before each game in pool play. In bracket play, the highest seed team will be home team, except for the championship games will be by coin toss.

### **Pool-Play Tie Breaker for Bracket Seeding:**

Runs Allowed  
Run Scored  
Coin Flip

**Refunds:** In the event the tournament cannot be completed, a 100% refund will be issued if no games are played; 50% refund if only 1 game is played; and no refund if 2 or more games have been played.