

Stockton Recreation Commission

"Stronger. Together."

Baseball Coach Pitch Rules

SCORE - Official score will be kept for Coach Pitch. 5 run rule per inning.

UMPIRES - One umpire will be used in the field for baseball and his/her decision is final.

GAMES - Games will consist of 5 innings or a 1 Hour time limit.

BATTING ORDER - All players present at the game will be placed in the order in which they will hit. The batting order will remain constant throughout the game.

BATTING - Pitching will be done by an offensive team's coach. There will be a limit of 5 pitches per batter. If the batter doesn't hit any of the 5 he can hit off the tee, but can only proceed to first base. If the Each team will receive one warning concerning the slinging of bats. The second occurrence and any occurrence thereafter will result in the batter being called out. Only the batter is allowed out of the dugout area. The on-deck batter must be ready with helmet on to take his turn at bat.

INNINGS - One half-inning is over when a team has accumulated 3 outs or the maximum number of batters has had a turn at bat. A team's next inning at bat will resume with the batter that was next in line before the final out was made in the previous inning. The final inning, all batters in the lineup will bat regardless of how many outs made in the inning.

BASERUNNING - A base runner may not leave the base until the ball has been hit. A base runner may take more than one base on a hit. Players may only advance a maximum of 3 bases. Base runners will be awarded one base on a ball that has left the field of play due to a defensive error.

DEAD BALL - The ball will be considered dead when the pitcher has control of the ball. If a batted ball hits the pitching coach, the ball will be declared dead and the batter will advance to first base.

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS - The defensive team will field 6 players using 6 infielders and 0 outfielders. Players are to rotate positions each inning and are encouraged not to play the same position twice in one game.

COACHING - The offensive team may have 3 coaches on the field; one coach at first base, one at third base and one as the pitcher. The defensive team may have 2 coaches in the outfield to encourage and instruct their players. Coaches may not play the ball.

EQUIPMENT - The SRC will supply helmets, bats, and baseballs. Participants must provide their own glove. All batters must wear a helmet. It is recommended that all players must wear protective cups. Individuals will be allowed to use their own equipment if it meets the approved standards.

POST GAME ACTIVITIES - Both teams will line up to shake hands and offer congratulations for a good game at the end of each game.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT - Positive team support is encouraged. Offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of all persons on his/her team or supporting his/her team. Fans are encouraged to cheer, encourage, and support both teams. They are expected to be courteous and set a good example for the players.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY - Practices will be held at the Kincaid field. If a practice is to be canceled the coaches will send the cancellation out by email or text (choice of which is the coaches) as soon as possible. Practices that are canceled can be made up if the coach wants to. If a game is to be canceled, the SRC will post the cancellation on their Facebook page and over email (whatever email was provided at signup) as soon as possible. Games that are canceled will be rescheduled and posted on the SRC website and Facebook page.

*Please note that practices and games may be canceled on short notice due to severe weather. In the case of inclement weather, 3 complete innings will count as a full game. Games that have not met this criteria will be rescheduled.