

Wolverine Ball – Coach Pitch Rules

GAMES

- 1 All games will start at their scheduled time at 5:30pm, 6:00, or 7:00, depending on schedule.
- 2 The home team is second team listed on game schedule and occupies the 3rd base dug-out.
- 3 Coaches self umpire the games in Coach Pitch. Coaches have the authority and full support of the Wolverine Baseball League to eject parents, other fans, or players who act inappropriate.
- 4 All players on the team roster are to be included in the batting rotation. A Team bats through the entire batting order and the last batter get to run around all the bases to clear. (No 3 outs and done). Batter's coach pitches 3 or 4 soft pitches to batter then can place out "T" to help keep game moving if player hasn't hit pitch.
- 5 A game will typically be two to three innings per game depending on time. The time limit of appx one hour and fifteen minutes shall be set for Coach Pitch. Coaches use judgment if longer assuming no game following waiting to get on field.
- 6 **NO ON-DECK BATTERS WILL BE ALLOWED.** This is a significant safety issue. Players are not to pick up a bat prior to their turn to bat. Each player will be given a few warm up swings prior to batting which must be taken inside the backstop and away from other players and spectators. Batter's coach pitches ball to batter.
- 7 The defensive team may play their entire team on defense adding extra players in the outfield "or" have a rotation between players. It is up to the coach determination.
- 8 **NO UNSPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT.** No harassing the opposing team, before, during, or after the game. This includes bragging about a superior record or better players. This also includes baseball chatter. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of themselves, players, and the spectators supporting their team.
- 9 **EQUAL PLAYING TIME FOR ALL PLAYERS.** The primary goal of the league is to teach our players the game of baseball, and experience at each position is critical to achieving that goal. All players should be given the opportunity to play each position, even when that does not support the most strategic placement of players. The only exception to this rule is in the case of a safety issue, whereas a player who cannot catch the ball well, or is afraid of a thrown ball, should not be placed at first base, or behind the plate as a catcher to avoid an injury to that player. As closely as possible, all players should sit out the same number of innings during any one game, and during the season as a whole. **COACHES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE.**
- 10 Coaches will have game balls in Coach Pitch.

SEVERE WEATHER – Look on the home page of web site – www.WolverineBall.com or on FACEBOOK Page

- 11 Any severe weather WARNINGS in effect at 5:00 p.m. will cancel all games for that evening. Coaches use good judgment if bad weather is coming in. If lightning is viewed take shelter and games are postponed for 15 minutes from the last visual site of lightning.
- 12 For all other weather conditions, i.e., severe weather WATCHES, rain, snow, etc., **ALL PLAYERS ARE TO REPORT TO THE FIELD unless it shows on the web site or FACEBOOK page (Rockford Event Planning) that games are cancelled.** If bad weather persists, the coaches will determine safe playing conditions at the field. Coaches should remind their players that "if it's raining at your house, it may not be raining at the field".
- 13 **BASE RUNNING** – After a batter strikes the ball from the coach or "T" they may run to second base ONLY then one base at a time forward. This will avoid constant base running and give the kids additional time on the field learning when to run after hit.
- 14 Coaches please rotate batting order between games to allow kids to be place in all areas of the batting order, including the "last" batter (as they will all want so the can run all the bases).