

AAA DIVISION
Coach/Kid Pitch

RULES

The AAA level is an Instructional League level that is designed to get the kids more involved in the game and teach them to not only understand the rules but pay attention during play.

The main goal I have is for the kids is to get the real feel of baseball on not be a glorified version of Tee Ball. I believe this is one of the most important levels in baseball development as this is where we can retain them for years to come. If they get too bored they will not come back.

RULES:

- We will play 6 Innings or 2 hours (which ever come first)
- Half INNING IS OVER WHEN 3 DEFENSIVE OUTS ARE MADE OR YOU GO THROUGH THE BATTING ORDER –
- AAA is Coach/Kid pitch
- Coaches will pitch to their own players for the first 3 or 4 innings of game (beginning of the season will be 4 and the end will be 3) –
- No kid should pitch more than 1 inning a game.
- All players will play at least once in the infield and once in the outfield during the game
- Players will play the true positions and should be rotated each inning (Have a plan going into the game). Not all kids can play certain positions so don't feel pressured to put kids where they could get hurt. Safety First
- Line up should change each week with everyone getting a chance to lead off at least once in the season – if possible.
- **There are no walks.** The only way the kids can get on base is by making contact with the ball – As discussed coaches can use discretion on this based on team, batter, pitcher and what coaches agree to before game

- When a kid is pitching the coach of the batters will stand on mound and call strikes and step in and pitch if too many pitches by the pitcher and batter is not swinging.
- Coaches are only allowed on the mound and backstop and should encourage both offense and defense of both teams. No coaches in the field otherwise.
- Coaches/Parents/Older siblings may coach 1st and 3rd base to instruct the kids on when to run.
- No steals or passed balls allowed.
- Teams may play 4 outfielders **Do not have any more than 4 kids in the outfield.**
- If a team is short players the other team will help on the defense side
- No player shall take a base if the ball has stopped or a play is being made on it. If a player legit hits a double or triple we don't want to rob them of that either. Use your discretion.
- Notify other coach ASAP if you do not have enough players. 6 or more is acceptable for a full game. Less than that and the coaches should use field time for a joint practice.
- No shorts

Please keep in mind that while you may keep score (the kids always do), we are not having playoffs or trophies for first place. HOWEVER the kids should know when they win and when they loose. Use it as a lesson.