

COACH PITCH: BOYS & GIRLS (7-8) FOR 2018

Girls League Tournament: June 16th @ Morrison
Girls All Star Tournament: July 9th - 10th @ Morrison
Boys League Tournament:
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All regular IHSA baseball rules will apply with the following exceptions or additions

THE GAME

- Umpires will not be used at this level. Coaches will call the bases.
- Players cannot turn 9 on or before May 1st of the current season
- A standard Little League or similar baseball will be used for boys
- An 11" softball will be used for girls
- Bases will be 60' apart
- Coaches will pitch from a 30' mound with a circle around it-16' in diameter
- A team must field 7 players to play a game. When playing with 7 players, the team will give up 2 outs when batting through the line-up. When playing with 8 players, the team will give up 1 out when batting. Playing with 9 players will not result in taking any outs.
- There is a 5 run limit per inning or 3 outs unless an over the fence home run is hit, in which case all runs scored by the home run will count
- A complete game shall consist of 5 full innings or 90 minutes, with both teams getting equal at bats.
- Games will have NO new inning after 75 minutes, and drop dead at 90 minutes in length. Home team announce start time before the game.
- A game shorted due to weather or darkness is considered complete after 3 ½ innings
- A rained out game or make-up game can be scheduled as deemed appropriate by the home team's organization at a time agreeable to both teams
- Shaking hands after the completion of the game is required
- No foul or abusive language from the teams, coaches, or fans and continual harassment of the players, or coaches will result in the following
 - One warning
 - Removal from the premises, team forfeit, and further action if required

BATTING & BASE RUNNING

- All team members will be in the batting order.
- If a player arrives late, they should be placed at the end of the batting order
- No bunting is allowed
- No running is allowed on a dropped 3rd strike
- Infield fly rule will not apply
- Sliding is allowed but not required; a player must slide to avoid contact or the runner will be called out, catcher cannot block plate, no sliding head first.
- If a batted ball strikes a base runner in fair territory, the base runner struck with the ball will be out
- A player will be warned once for throwing the bat and then will be called out for subsequent occurrences. This is a per individual warning and not a team warning
- Only one base is allowed on an overthrow and only one overthrow is allowed per play at this level
- The runner must be more than half way once the player in the pitcher position or coach pitching has control of the ball to advance to the base
- There is no stealing or leading off allowed in this level
- Batter is allowed a maximum of 8 pitches or 3 swinging strikes to be considered out unless the 8th pitch or 3rd strike is a foul ball in which they will be given another pitch until the ball is put in play or the player swings and misses, there are no walks.

DEFENSE & FIELDING

- The defense shall consist of up to 10 fielders of which 4 must play in the outfield grass with the remaining 6 playing on the infield
- When playing the pitcher position, the fielder cannot play in front of the coach that is pitching, must be in the circle, playing the pitching position.
- A maximum of 2 coaches will be allowed to coach from the field and must remain in the grass of the outfield and must avoid contact with a ball in play
- Each player on the team must play a minimum of two innings of defense in the field
- When the ball is in play the pitching coach should make every attempt to not interfere with the play or the player fielding the pitcher position
- Once the defense has made an attempt to throw to the pitching coach or player playing the pitcher position, even if the ball is not caught, no runners may advance

PITCHING

- Pitching will be done by the coaches only
- The pitching motion for boy shall be overhand and the pitching motion for girls shall be underhand
- Coaches shall pitch from the same designated 30' mound on the diamond
- When the coach is pitching:
 - There are no walks, however 3 missed swings will constitute a strike out
 - There is a maximum of 8 pitches unless the 8th pitch is a foul ball
 - A hit batsman will not count as a walk
 - A base runner may not advance on an overthrow to the pitcher from the catcher between pitches

SAFETY

- Batting helmet is required to be on the players head from dug out to dug out
- No jewelry will be worn during the game (watches, necklaces, etc...)
- Players must wear protective equipment as necessary for all games
- No metal spike shoes are allowed but molded plastic cleated shoes are allowed
- Batters and base runners must wear a protective helmet, girls will have facemasks on their batting helmet.
- Catchers must wear a catcher's helmet with a mask, chest protector, and shin guards as a minimum standard