

## **6-7 Year Old T-Ball/8-9 Year Old Pitching Machine League Rules**

### **1. Batting –**

- **All Players on the roster will bat. Batting order will remain the same for the entire game.**
- **No Bunting.**
- **Any player that throws a bat, or otherwise has a bat leave his/her possession in a dangerous manner shall be called out.**

### **2. Pitching –**

- **The coach for the team in the field will feed the pitching machine and will also act as umpire. The pitching machine speed will be approximately 30 mph. The machine will be set up approximately 30 feet from home plate.**
- **If a ball hits the pitching machine, dead ball will be called and the batter will have another pitch.**
- **There are no strikeouts – after 5 pitches players will hit off the tee.**
- **No walks.**

### **3. Innings –**

- **In the 6-7 year old T-Ball league, an inning will consist of 3 outs or 8 batters. No score is kept.**
- **In the 8-9 year old league, an inning will consist of 3 outs or 6 runs scored, whichever comes first.**
- **Only 6 runs can be scored in one inning.**
- **The game will consist of 5 innings or a 1 hour time limit.**

### **4. General Rules –**

- **Catchers must wear facemasks (pitching machine league only)**
- **No leading off or stealing bases**
- **No infield Fly Rule**
- **On a foul tip to the catcher, the ball must go over the hitter's head and be caught by the catcher for the hitter to be out.**
- **Only one base will be allowed on an overthrow. Base coaches are urged to control their players' base running. A runner should not advance once the ball has returned to the infield.**
- **Coaches are strongly recommended to rotate players positions each inning so kids get equal opportunities to gain experience at a variety of positions.**

### **5. Field and Position Info -**

- **Base paths are approximately 50 feet apart.**
- **All players play the field. Coaches may add a player between 1<sup>st</sup> and second base, or have a pitcher's helper (this player must be behind the pitching machine, not in front or to the side of it).**

### **6. Behavior/Sportsmanship Expectations –**

- **This program is designed to teach basic fundamentals of baseball to kids and to provide a positive environment for them to develop and have fun. All parents/coaches/players are expected to comply with these expectations during games and practices.**