

## **JUNIOR LEAGUE**

### **2019 SPECIAL TEMPORARY COACH PITCH PROGRAM.**

This is applicable April 26 through Thursday, May 9 only

The Junior League rules provide that a pitcher must be removed once she has given up 5 walks in an inning. (She can return in a later inning).

To limit walks (and to therefore keep the game moving), once a pitcher has given up 3 walks in an inning (including batters who reach 1<sup>st</sup> on account of HBP), there shall be no further walks during that inning with that pitcher. A coach from the offensive team shall pitch after a pitcher has given up 3 walks (including HBP's) in an inning, and has recorded 3 balls for any following batter that inning. The coach continues to pitch until the batter otherwise reaches base or is out. If the coach pitches a ball that is not in the strike zone, the batter is not required to swing, and such pitch is ignored unless the batter does, in fact swing, in which case it can be called a strike. The regular pitcher resumes with the following batter until she has again recorded 3 balls at which point the coach resumes pitching. The coach is not permitted to make any defensive play. The original pitcher stands just behind the coach for that purpose and the coach must get out of the way for the original pitcher to make defensive plays. The coach should pitch from a safe distance from the plate but is not required to pitch from the rubber and is not otherwise subject to any rules regarding pitching form.

HBP means the batter has been awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base on account of being hit by a pitch. This temporary program is not intended to replace the Pitcher Plunk Rule.