

## Coach Pitch Rules- Quad City A's Baseball 8U Tournament

June 25-26, 2016

### 8U Rules for the Tournament

- This is a fundraiser for the Alleman High School Baseball team
- Format of the Tournament- Each team will play 3 pool play games with a single elimination tournament on Sunday except we will have a game for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place weather permitting. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> will be awarded to a maximum of 15 players.
- Fair Ball Arc- There will be an arc drawn from 1<sup>st</sup> baseline to 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline in front of home plate. A batted ball must go past this line to be fair. The arc is to be treated as a foul line.
- Players must remain relatively 10 feet away from the fair ball arc.
- Pitching circle- There will be a ten foot in diameter circle around the mound.
- The pitching coach must have one foot inside the circle while pitching.
- A base runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is hit or reaches home plate. Stealing is not allowed.
- Ten (10) defensive players will play in the field with four (4) outfielders. The fourth outfielder will not be allowed to assume an infielder position. All outfielders must stay in the outfield grass until the ball is hit.
- A batter that bats out of order is only out if the opposing team makes point of the fact after the bat has taken place. Otherwise, the correct batter may replace the incorrect batter and only receive the pitches that are left.
- Teams may start and finish the game with 8 or 9 players. If a team drops below 8, they must forfeit. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> spot in the lineup will be outs when it is their turn to come to bat Except in the case of an injury.
- The batting order shall constitute all players on the team roster at the beginning of the game. Late arrivals shall bat before returning to the top of the batting order.
- A maximum of five (5) runs may be scored per inning or three (3) outs. The 6th inning , a team may score ten (10) runs.
- Teams may use free substitution on defense but all players MUST bat.
- No bunting allowed

- 2 defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield, but they must stay out of the “fair” area of play.
- Umpires shall call “time” after every play and declare the ball dead. “Time” should be called as soon as all runners are not attempting to advance. “Time” shall not have to be called by the participants for the purpose of this rule.
- No base runners may advance once the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle around the pitcher’s mound. Once control in the circle is established, play is stopped.
- If a base runner is completely past the mid-line, runner is awarded base going to; if not completely past the mid-line, runner must return to the base he or she came from.
- No intentional walks
- The infield fly rule is NEVER in effect
- A batter shall receive a maximum of six (6) pitches or three (3) swinging misses. A foul ball on the 6<sup>th</sup> is still an out.**
- A defensive player listed as pitcher cannot leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit. If this happens, the play continues. After the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or no-pitch and play over.
- A courtesy runner for the catcher of record the previous inning only may be used. The courtesy runner must be the player that made the last out. If no outs have been recorded the courtesy runner will be the previous batter not on base.
- When a batted ball hits the pitching coach, the following rules shall apply; If in the umpire’s judgment, the coach did not make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the batter is declared out and no runner shall advance. If in the umpire’s judgment, the coach did make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the ball becomes dead and a no pitch is declared. Coaches, please make an attempt to avoid contact.
- The pitching coach may coach the runner while in the pitching position. Once the ball has been hit, he must position himself or herself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on a possible play.
- Each pool play game has a time limit of 60 minutes and bracket play games have a time limit of 70 minutes. No time limit for Championship or 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place game. A new inning may not start after the time limit unless the game is tied. If the game is tied, we will play one more inning with the last two outs of the previous inning on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base with one out. In the bracket, games will be played to a winner but if the game is tied after the one extra inning in the pool play part of the tournament then the game will be decided by: 1) Team with the fewest runs allowed through 3 innings 2) if still tied, a coin flip
- Run Rules: 16 or more after 4 innings, 11 or more after 5 innings
- Have your team at the park and ready to go at least ½ hour before game time.

-No infield allowed on the field before the game

-1<sup>st</sup> team listed on the pool play game schedule will have the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout. During bracket play, the higher seed will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.

- In the pool play round a flip before the game will determine home/visitor. In bracket play, the higher seed is the home team.

-The home team will have the official book. Each team's scorekeeper should check with the other to confirm the score at the end of every inning.

-Each team is responsible for making sure the game report form is accurate and signed before it is handed into the tournament director after your game. The score, runs allowed, and each coach's signature need to be on the form. Please hand into the Tournament Director at the end of your game.

-Pool play standings and Tournament round seeding will be based on the following criteria:

1. Record
2. Head to Head
3. Total runs allowed
4. Total runs scored
5. Coin Flip

**-COACHES- Please remind your parents that we will have a full concession stand and to please not bring any food or drinks into the park. We will also be charging a \$2.00 gate per person/per day, 12 and under are free.**

Refund policy due to weather- No games played- (\$100 returned), One game started- (\$0 returned)