



## Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Little Ferry/South Hackensack

### (Coach Pitch Rules)



1. No score will be kept.
2. Games are 90 minutes or 5 innings, whichever occurs first, if another game is scheduled after your game please finish before their scheduled time, otherwise it will be up both team coaches' discretion to play more innings if they want to.
3. Managers/Coaches pitch to their own teams/ PITCHER WILL ALSO UMPIRE
4. Each Team Must Field at Least 8 position, No extra infielder, only the traditional infield,, catcher is optional, if you do have a catcher, they must be in full gear for safety, player on the pitcher mound must stay 4ft behind the pitching coach. Your team is allowed to have a 4<sup>th</sup> outfielder if not utilizing the Catcher Position. Remaining players will stay in the dugout and must be on the field in the next inning.
5. There will be a limit of 5 RUNS scored per half inning with exception for the last inning for both teams. The last inning will end when either 3 outs are recorded or the team bats around whichever comes first.
6. Each batter will have a maximum of 5 good pitches to either hit the ball or use tee (tee could be use for the firth half of the season) Coach to use judgment on 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season if any kid still need to use the tee. Communicate to the other team coach in the beginning of the game which player you will make the exception. Otherwise after 5 pitches with not hit the play is deemed a strike out and the batter is out (2<sup>nd</sup> half season)
7. No walks and no butting
8. There will be a continuous batting order throughout the game
9. No Leads or Stealing (base runner can run only when batter makes contact)
10. Once a ball is batted, runners can take *2 bases* when the *ball is hit to the OUTFIELD* and 1 Base with a ball hit in the infield
11. Base Runner always has the right of way and must be constrained to the baseline otherwise an out can be called.
12. Player are allowed to slide but NO HEAD FIRST SLIDING
13. No advancing on overthrows.
14. Defensive players should make every effort to record outs
15. Players are called out if the ball reaches the base and is caught before the runner touches the base
16. Any close plays on any base are automatically in favor of the fielder

17. If a player over run the base and is tagged out he is considered out
18. Base runner should return to original base if a pop fly is caught otherwise if the throw is made to the base were the runner was is an out.

**19. Coaches umpire the games.**

20. Jewelry of any form is not permitted.
21. Absolutely no yelling or arguing from players, coaches or parents. One warning and then the player, coach or parent will be ejected.
22. Only coaches and players are permitted in the dugout area or on the field – no other parents or children. All gates must be kept closed.
23. All players on the batting team must be confined to the dugout except for the batter. The on-deck batter can be in the on-deck area but must not swing a bat. All equipment except bats must be kept within the dugout NO PLAYER CAN HOLD OR SWING A BAT EXCEPT WHEN AT BAT. NO BALL THROWING IN DUGOUT.
24. Team must cleaning dugouts, have all players pick up all their belonging and bottles.