



7&8 Year Old Coach Pitch Rules

2016

The following rules set forth by Republic Parks & Recreation will be strictly followed and enforced.

1. Teams must register on official registration forms. Forms must be completed in their entirety before the first game of the season. Teams found playing with players not listed on their roster will forfeit that game. No players will be allowed to transfer teams after the first game of the season has been played. Boys must play in the boys division and girls must play in the girls division with no exceptions.
2. Players may play on only one team in the youth coach pitch program. Players may play in two different age divisions. A team found using a player who is on another roster in the same age division will forfeit that game and the player will be suspended for the next two games. If the event occurs at the end of a season the player will be suspended for the first two games of the following season.
3. The roster or permission slip must be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian before the child may participate in the program.
4. Players who are 8 years of age or under on January 1st, 2016 shall be eligible to play. A player is allowed to play up an age group, but players are not allowed to play down an age group.
5. All team members present and dressed out at the beginning of the game must play at least 2 innings of each game. The number of innings played may be monitored. If a coach is found to be playing a player less than 2 innings the team will forfeit that game and the coach will be suspended for the next game.
6. 10 players will be permitted on the playing field. 8 players must be present to start the game. Game time is forfeit time. A 5-minute grace period (with a running clock) will be permitted for the 1st game only. A forfeited game will not be umpired. If a player is injured and can not bat he/she is no longer allowed to re-enter the game. If a player is no longer able to play due to an injury their spot in the batting order will be skipped and no out must be taken.
7. All teams must have a minimum of 12 participating players on their roster and no more than 15.
8. Should a team forfeit two consecutive games without notifying the Recreation Department the team will be dropped from the league. Notification must be given two working days prior to the forfeiture.
9. The umpire will flip a coin to start the game and determine home team. The umpire will keep score. Any discrepancies should be cleared up before the start of a new inning. After a new inning has been started the score from a previous inning will not be changed.
10. Bunting will not be allowed. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are not permitted by any player.

22. Batters, baserunners, and on deck batters must wear protective helmets. Catchers must wear complete protective gear.
23. Boys must use baseball bats and girls must use softball bats. If the batter throws the bat he/she will receive one warning and will be called out if it happens a second time. If the bat is thrown and hits a defensive player, the batter will automatically be called out.
24. Every field will use a double first base and both bases can be used by defense and offense.
25. A defensive coach is permitted in the outfield to assist fielders on where to throw the ball. However, the coach may not at any time touch the ball or the fielder while play is going on.
26. Exterior jewelry is not permitted on players.
27. Players must have numbers on their uniforms for easy identification
28. Teams are required to exhibit sportsman-like conduct after each game by shaking hands.
29. Coaches are prohibited from coaching more than two teams in the same league.
30. Each team will be given 3 coaches passes for free entry into the ballpark. All other persons, excluding players, over the age of 12 and under the age of 55 must pay a \$1 entry fee.
31. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. If a coach, player, or fan is ejected from a game he or she must leave the park immediately. If the same person is ejected from another game he or she will be suspended indefinitely from the Republic Parks and Recreation programs pending a meeting with the Recreation Supervisor and/or the Community Services Director. Further problems from the team may result in a forfeit of the game.
32. The recreation supervisor reserves the right to make final determination on any rules or interpretations that may arise throughout the season.
33. The Code of Ethics must be signed by the head coach and the assistant coach and turned in at the coaches meeting.
34. Practices will be first come, first serve once the season begins except for weekends. The Republic Parks & Recreation Department will not schedule any practices. Coaches please be courteous of other teams, everyone deserves to practice.

All players will receive medallions at the completion of a terrific season!

*Coaches please maintain integrity, be an adult, and set a good example!

* Rainouts will be re-scheduled on Saturdays.