



Coach Pitch Baseball Rules for 2023

1. All coaches and adult volunteers must have an approved background check on file with the league. It is the head coach's responsibility to ensure coaches and volunteers have their approved background check on file before allowing them to assist with the players. Background checks are good for the year in which approved.
2. The rules under which this league will play under the current PONY League baseball rules and regulations. All the rules listed below are local rules for the City of Archdale.
3. All Bats must be certified and bear the USA Baseball logo (Stamp) on the bat. Bats can be no larger than 2-5/8" barrel diameter. **NO EXCEPTIONS:** (NOTE: if an illegal bat is used during a game, it will be removed from the game by the umpire.
4. Each batter will get up to 6 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first. A foul tip on the last pitch, keeps the bat alive.
5. A 10 foot arch will be drawn in front of home plate. Batted balls not crossing the 10 foot distance will be deemed a dead ball and count as a strike and will count towards pitch total and the batter will continue the at bat.
6. All games will have a maximum of 5 innings. Another inning cannot start after 55 minutes. The umpire establishes game time. Home team will get the last at bat, if they are losing.
7. Each team will only be allowed to score 5 runs per inning, except for the final inning.
8. When the ball is put in play by a hitter, the defense can stop the runners from advancing by calling time out. Players are encouraged to make a play rather than instantly calling time. The defensive player must be inside the base paths to call timeout. If a runner is halfway to the next base, he/she will continue to advance to that base when time is called. If a player calls time and is rewarded time he cannot then tag a runner out.
9. On defense, a team can have all players in the field. The outfielders must play in the outfield and not deep infield. There can only be 5 infielders, the remaining players must play the outfield. Catchers must stay in the designated area and must wear a helmet with a face mask.



10. Two coaches are allowed on the field while the team is on defense, but they must remain at least on the outfield grass area and away from the bases.
11. When hitting, a team will need a base coach on first and third. A coach will also be required to pitch to the batter and one to catch and throw the ball back to the pitcher. The coach that is the pitcher must remain in the circle that they are pitching from.
12. If a player throws the bat, the first infraction is a warning. The second time it happens then that player will be called out.
13. The entire roster present in the game shall bat in rotation; referred to as a "continuous batting order". For example, if a team has twelve players on it, then all twelve must be in the batting order.
14. No bunting will be allowed.
15. There will be a designated circle around the pitchers mound that the coach pitching to his batters must stay inside.
16. The player on defense playing the pitchers position must have both feet in the pitchers circle. The defensive player can leave the circle to make a play on the ball after the ball is put into play. The player on defense playing the pitchers position must also wear a helmet with a protective facemask on it.
17. A team must have 8 players to avoid a forfeit. The 9th batter will not be an out. No players from other teams or leagues will be allowed to participate. If a team only has 8 players they still must have a position player at catcher.
18. When it rains or if there is bad weather, please call the weather hotline that is listed on their schedules or the head coach. Decisions are tried to be made by 4:00pm, but the Archdale Parks and Recreation will wait as late as possible in certain situations. The Recreation Center phone number 434-7315 and the weather hotline is 431-8130.
19. Any coach or fan that is ejected from a game by an official/umpire or a staff member will have to leave immediately and in addition be suspended for the next 2 games that team plays. The Parks and Recreation staff reserves the right to take further action to that individual for longer periods of time depending on the severity of their actions.