



## **Centerville 2026 | 1st -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Machine Pitch | Baseball Rules**

Sportsmanship is of the utmost importance: Be respectful to players, parents, coaches, and umpires. If you have a concern, please address it with the field supervisor on site or call or text Haley at 801-677-6431. There is ZERO tolerance for foul language, harassing umpires or disrupting coaches or spectators. If you are asked to leave, you will be suspended for the entire season.

1. Each team will field all players, with the six standard infielders. All others (outfielders) must remain beyond the base paths when the ball is not in play.
2. An inning is complete after three outs have occurred (strike outs do not count, six pitches still in effect) or seven runs have been scored, or all batters have hit.
  - a. This is a “hard” seven runs, meaning only seven runs scored that inning would count. For example: If a team has scored six runs and the next batter hits a grand slam, only seven runs will count, and the team will start the next inning with the batter after the player who hit the grand slam. There is no “Open” inning.
  - b. Mercy Run Rule: if a team is leading by 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings or eight runs after five innings, the team in the lead will be declared the winner. If time permits, teams may continue to play, but the score will only be at the max of whatever inning the game originally ended.
3. No new inning will start after 50 minutes of play. The game clock starts at the scheduled game time.
4. Four innings or 50 minutes constitute a complete game. In case of rain, three innings or 30 minutes will constitute a complete game, or two-and-a-half innings, if the home team is ahead.
5. The coach pitching or feeding the balls may instruct players during a live ball (E.g., base coaching). Coach is to also make every effort to get out of the way of a thrown ball (E.g., ducking as to not obstruct a player’s throw to a particular base).
6. No bunting allowed.
7. No stealing. No lead offs.
8. There is no infield fly rule. Play and field every hit.
9. Runners cannot advance on pitch from coach to catcher, as well as cannot advance on the return throw from the catcher to the pitcher, and runners cannot steal.
10. The pitching position must be occupied with player being eight feet parallel to the coach pitching (left or right).
11. The catcher position is optional, but if occupied, catcher must field the ball off the bounce and not take the catch directly off the machine.
12. A thrown ball that hits the pitcher is still a live ball. Runners will advance at their own risk.
13. When an overthrow occurs to any base, baserunners may advance one additional base only (at the runners’ risk), provided that the player retrieving the errant throw attempts only to return the ball to the pitcher. If the player who retrieves the errant throw continues the play by throwing the ball to any player other than the pitcher, then the ball remains live and the runners may continue to

advance beyond one additional base (at the runners' risk), except that any further overthrow shall again trigger these overthrow advancement rules.

14. Hitters will get six pitches total (5 machine/ 1 tee) to get the ball in play. A foul tip or ball on the sixth pitch will result in additional pitches until a ball is put in play or the hitter strikes out. Batters can opt to use the tee on the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch to hit ball into play. There are no walks or free bases awarded to a batter hit by a pitch.
15. Setup:
  - a. Pitching Machine Speed=35mph. There are three electric machines in case machine goes down, the coach will pitch to their own batters.
  - b. Pitching Mound Distance=40 ft.
  - c. Bases=60 ft.
  - d. Field number is pre marked on the backstop.
16. Game balls: The designated home team is responsible for providing the balls for the game. Use balls from your provided bucket of balls.
17. The designated home team will provide the official scorekeeper for the game for purposes of mercy run rules. Do not report scores, no standing will be kept.
18. There is an end of season single elimination tournament for this league, teams have already been added to that bracket at random. No standings or scores are considered when entered the tournament bracket.
19. In case of inclement weather or game cancellation a decision will be made two hours before game time on playability. Coaches will be contacted via quickscores in the event of a cancellation and then they will contact their players. All weather updates will be posted via [quickscores.com/centervilleutah](https://quickscores.com/centervilleutah).