



## REC BASEBALL (1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) MACHINE PITCH

### League rules 2022

Play will be governed by the current year's high school rulebook with the below additions/modifications.

**Bases: 50 ft.**

**Pitching Machine distance: 30 ft.**

1. Starting defensive lineup will consist of ten (10) players. The tenth player is an outfielder. Starting offensive lineup will consist of all players present, each batting in the same rotation throughout the game.
2. **A TEAM MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 7 PLAYERS.** When a team, which has less than 10 players, gets to the last batter present on the roster, they shall go back to the start of the lineup until they have batted 10 players.
3. All players must remain in the dugouts that are not: playing defense, batting, on deck, or base runners. This is to protect players from getting hit with errant foul balls.
4. **THE INFIELD FLY RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT.**
5. Bunting is not permitted. Batters must make a full swing.
6. **A team on offense shall have the full lineup batted.** When the last batter comes up it is considered a 2 out the bases-loaded situation. In this situation, the defense may make a force out at any base to which a runner is headed. All runners are forced to advance so no tag is necessary.
7. **The RECREATION STAFF will do all pitching with the machine. Each batter will bat 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes. If the ball is not hit within 5 pitches, the batter will be called out. The batter is NOT out if the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is fouled off. The batter may foul off unlimited pitches.**
8. **IF BATTED BALL HITS THE PITCHING MACHINE OR STAFF BEFORE BEING TOUCHED BY A DEFENSIVE PLAYER, THE PLAY WILL BE CALLED DEAD AND THE BATTER AND ALL RUNNERS WILL BE AWARDED ONE BASE.**
9. The catcher will stand away from the batter and home plate. Balls will be returned to the staff after the time of bat expires for each hitter.
10. Base paths will be 50'. The pitching distance will be 30' (Approx.) With a speed of 34-38 mph.
11. **THE GAME WILL BE 5 INNINGS OR 1 HOUR, AND NO NEW INNING WILL BEGIN AFTER 50 MIN.**
12. Stealing or leading off will **NOT be allowed.** The runner must wait for the ball to be hit to leave the base.
13. Catchers **MUST** wear the complete gear including helmets, chest protectors, and shin guards. All batters and base runners must always have a helmet on.
14. **CHATTER** must not be directed at the opposing players. **EXAMPLE: HEY BATTER, BATTER SWING!!** All players and spectators must abide by this rule.
15. Players, managers, coaches, or spectators may be removed from the game for any unsportsmanlike conduct. Games could be called if they refuse to leave. The person or people removed from the game need to leave immediately the premises before the game resume.
16. Ogden City Staff will be the umpire and make all rulings.
17. **NO OFFICIAL SCORE WILL BE KEPT DURING THE SEASON.** The emphasis will be on participation, learning baseball skills, and team/individual sportsmanship.
18. A player will not be called out for throwing the bat. Please teach them not to throw the bat.
19. The home team will sit in the third-base dugout on all fields.
20. Time out can be called when play has stopped the advance of the runners. The supervisor will call time out when asked and all runners have been stopped. **PLAY DOES NOT STOP AUTOMATICALLY WHEN THE PITCHER HAS THE BALL.**
21. **If the ball goes out of play, runners will get the base, they are going to plus one, and play is over.**
22. We will play "one base on an overthrow with a chance to be put out rule". Overthrow is where the ball is thrown beyond a player at a base.
23. **ALL OGDEN CITY PARKS ARE DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENTS. NO USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, OR VAPING IS ALLOWED. SAID PERSON WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PARK IMMEDIATELY.**