



MINORS REC BASEBALL (3th / 4th Grade) MACHINE PITCH

League rules 2022

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

Bases: 60 ft.

Pitching Machine distance: 46 ft.

1. Starting defensive lineup will consist of nine (9) players. 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 9 players, gets to the last batter present on the roster, **they shall add two (2) automatically outs to the of the lineup.**
 - a. All players must play at least 2 innings on the field, and no player should sit out 2 innings consecutively.
 - b. The batting order shall consist of all players present, continuing the same order throughout the whole game.
 - c. Free substitution is allowed between innings.
3. All players must remain in the dugouts if they are not: playing defense, batting, on deck, or base runners. This is to protect players from getting hit with errant foul balls.
4. **Bunting is not permitted. Batters must make a full swing.**
5. **A team on offense shall have 3 outs or until the full lineup present (kids at the field) has batted (Whichever comes first).** 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.
6. **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 3rd strike is fouled off. The batter may foul off unlimited pitches.**
7. **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.**
8. 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.
9. Base paths will be 60'. The pitching distance will be 46' (Approx.) With a speed of 38-42 mph.
10. **THE GAME WILL BE 5 INNINGS OR 1 HOUR, AND NO NEW INNING WILL BEGIN AFTER 50 MIN.**
11. **Stealing or leading off will NOT be allowed.** The runner must wait for the ball to be hit to leave the base.
12. Catchers **MUST** wear the complete gear including helmets, chest protectors, and shin guards. All batters and base runners must always have a helmet on.
13. **CHATTER** must not be directed at the opposing players. **EXAMPLE: HEY BATTER, BATTER SWING!!** All players and spectators must abide by this rule.
14. **COACHES:** One adult coach is allowed in each coach's box. All others must remain in dugout. Each team will have a max of 3 coaches' total.
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. **SCOREKEEPER**
 - a. **Coaches will keep score.** The home team is responsible for the official book however, both teams must provide a scorekeeper and match scorebooks after each inning. If discrepancies are found, they must be reconciled prior to the start of the next inning otherwise home team's score book will be official.
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. **Sportsmanship:** Coaches are expected to act as a role model and will be held accountable for their behavior and the behavior of all players and parents.
24. **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.**