

## 2010 FIRST GRADE COACH PITCH CLINIC RULES (Baseball)

1. A game consists of five (5) innings or 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours - whichever comes first.
2. An inning shall end for the offensive team when: Three (3) outs have been obtained or 6 runs have been scored, whichever comes first. **When a player is out, he/she must return to their dugout (players cannot stay on base).**
3. Each batter may use a tee or have a coach pitch. Batters having trouble with hitting the coach pitch may use the tee after 5 pitches. Some batters may not be ready for the coach pitch until late in the season and may be using the tee and not the coach pitch.
4. The infield fly rule does not apply.
5. Runners are not permitted to leave a base until the batter swings at the tee. **PENALTY: PLAYER IS WARNED FOR FIRST OFFENSE THEN CALLED OUT FOR ADDITIONAL OFFENSES.**
6. Stealing bases are prohibited. **PENALTY: RUNNER IS OUT.**
7. If using the tee, the tee must be removed by a coach of the batting team far enough in advance of any play made at the plate to avoid an injury to any player. For batting purposes, the tee shall be placed in front of home plate rather than on top of the plate. **PENALTY: THE RUNNER IS OUT.**
8. The only offensive team member allowed on the field with the exception of the players is the pitching coach, first base coach, third base coach and coach designated to remove the tee. The adult designated to remove the tee must remain by the protective fence until the batter hits the ball.
9. There shall be a minimum of nine (9) defensive players on the field. Maximum of ten (10).
  - a. No less than three (3) shall be outfielders.
  - b. No more than five (5) shall be infielders who cannot take a defensive position closer to the batter's box than up to the "infield line" before the batter swings at the pitch or tee.
  - c. One (1) pitcher position who must be next to or behind the coach pitcher and may not move until the batter swings at the pitch or tee.
  - d. One (1) catcher who must wear a batting helmet and chest protector positioned safely behind home plate.
10. All players present at the start of the game will be listed on the batting order of a team. All players will then bat in that order during the entire game whether they are in the defensive lineup or not.
11. No umpires will be assigned to these games. Both head coaches will "umpire" the games.

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