

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation

Youth Baseball Program

2018 SPECIAL RULES

7 Year Old Coach Pitch

All games are to be played in accordance with the Babe Ruth Official Playing Rules, in addition to the following local rules:

Game

- Length of game will be consist of four innings or 1 ½ hour.
- A half inning consists of 3 outs or 4 runs, whichever comes first.
- The infield fly rule is not in effect.
- Outs will not be recorded (See note above). However we encourage the coaches to teach the players the game and when an out has been made, the batter is out and sent back to the bench.

Equipment

- All players are required to wear an athletic supporter and cup.
- Pitchers must wear helmets at all times.
- First baseman must wear helmets at all times.
- Catcher must wear equipment

Defense

- All players shall be placed in the field, base paths must remain clear.
- Outfielders should be positioned in the outfield – a minimum 20 feet from the infield grass.

Playing Time

- All players should be granted the opportunity to play two innings at an infield position, except where the threat of a potential injury may be present.

Pitching - Coach Pitch General

- The game should be suspended in the event of lightning. Players should be immediately removed from the field.
- A player (batter) will receive one warning if they throw the bat after they hit the ball. Thereafter, it will be the umpire's judgment to eject the player from the game if they throw it a second time.
- One base at a time. Doubles are permissible if the ball is a clean hit to the outfield and the ball has not been fielded by the time the base runner reaches first base.

- Batters will be given three swings, if the player swings and misses three times it is a strikeout. If the batter fouls off the first two strikes and then swings and misses on the third strike, he remains in the batter's box until the batter hits the ball or swings and misses a total of 3 times. No called strikes.
- No Walks. Coaches should pitch from a knee early in the season and by mid-season move to the mound to prepare the batters for kid pitch next season.