

Hemlock Youth Baseball and Softball League Rules of Play

Coach Pitch League - we will play by Little League Rules with the following exceptions:

- Pitching machines that are supplied by the league must be used at all times.
- The full roster batting order will be used each inning. During fielding time every player in excess of the norm may be utilized in the outfield only at their coaches' discretion.
- Using the pitching machine the coach pitches up to (7) pitches to their own player, if the ball is not put into play, the batter is out. Note: Soft toss may be used if a player is unable to hit the ball after five machine pitches.
- If a runner or batter is thrown out it will be considered an out and the player returns to the bench.
- The entire roster will bat each inning regardless of the number of outs.
- Defensive pitcher must be within three (3) feet of the rubber until the ball is pitched. If needed, a team can play without a player in the defensive pitcher position.
- If a batted ball hits an adult pitcher, it is considered a "No Pitch".
- No stealing of bases is allowed, runners can advance one (1) base on overthrown balls.
- The infield fly rule does not apply.
- Coaches or coaches' assistants may coach the bases.
- When runners lead off before the pitch crosses the plate, umpires are to return the runner(s) to the base and there is no pitch. One warning per game. After which runner(s) will be called out.
- All players must play six (6) defensive outs and cannot sit more than two (2) consecutive innings. Coaches are encouraged to use players at different positions depending on ability and game situations with this being a coaches' discretionary decision. Abuse of this rule could result in forfeit of the game. The only exception would be disciplinary action taken by the coach of one or both teams which must be mutually agreed before the game.
- All games shall be 4 innings or a one and a half hour time limit. No extra innings played after the time limit.
- The home team shall find one volunteer adult to umpire 1st base. The visiting team must find one adult volunteer to umpire 3rd base.
- Coaches are urged to use all of their players equally. Remember, the game is played for the fun and enjoyment of the young players, and to ready them for continued play at the next level.
- For new coaches—H.Y.B.&S. provides shirts, hats and metals. The players get to keep their shirts and hats when the season is over.
- Equipment turn in is generally the second week in June—more details to follow.