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Pitching Machine League

Please remember this league is an instructional league for the players to learn how to play baseball in a game environment. Please help all players in assistance with positioning and batting.

Guidelines

- All coaches who are assisting in any way must fill out volunteer paperwork before they can help coach. Contact the athletics coordinator Chad Wright at 276-223-3518 if you are interested in helping to coach.
- The dugout and field area are restricted to players, coaches, scorekeepers, officials, and recreation personnel only.
- In event of thunder or lightning everyone must get off the field and return to their vehicles. Delay will be 30 minutes from time of hearing thunder or seeing lightning and will reset after each occurrence.
- If a head coach is unable to attend a game, he/she is responsible for notifying the field supervisor which coach will be the "acting" head coach.

General Rules

- **Minimum Players:** At scheduled game time, the game will begin with the number of players present on each team. Players who come after the start of the game will be added to the end of the lineup. Must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game.
- **Time Limit:** Each game will last one (1) hour and 15-minute time limit on games. If an inning starts before time limit is up the inning will be completed. Each team is allowed 1 timeout per inning.
- **Games:** Seeding for playoffs will be drawn randomly. Regular season games will not have a winner or loser. An inning will consist of batting through the lineup and scoring as many runs as possible. Even though outs will not be recorded in the regular season still try to get the runner out as outs will count in the playoffs.
- **Bats & Balls:** Only bats marked with "USA Baseball" and "Official Tee Ball or TBALL" will be allowed to use. Balls used during games will be tee balls.
- **Thrown Bat:** In the event of a thrown bat the batter will be given a warning the first time they throw the bat outside the circle around home plate. If batter throws the bat again at any time during the game the batter will be called "out" and must return to the dugout. When a thrown bat is made play becomes dead and runners may not advance.
- **BATTING:** All players must wear a batting helmet with a facemask and chin strap. Every player on the team will be put in the batting lineup and will bat according to the lineup. In the event of a player coming late they will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- **FIELD POSITIONS:** Catcher and pitcher is deemed an infield position and must lineup at the given spot on the field. Pitchers can't move until the ball is hit. 9 players will be in the field, you can play 6 infielders with 3 in the outfield or 5 infielders with 4 in the outfield. Infielders can't set up or block the baseline (baseline will be marked) unless trying to tag a runner out. Outfielders must set up in the outfield behind the line. **All players must play at least 1 inning in the field.**
- **COACHES:** Teams are allowed a maximum of 4 assistants which must be approved by the department prior to helping in any way. Teams hitting will be allowed to have a coach on 1st and 3rd. Teams fielding will be allowed to have a coach in the outfield and behind home plate.



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Rules of the Game

- **Pitch Limit:** Each batter will get 5 pitches to try and get a hit. If unsuccessful they will return to the dugout. If a batter swings at 3 pitches and misses them they will be out as they “strikedout” and must return to the dugout.
- **Stealing:** Base stealing is not permitted.
- A runner can’t intentionally try to run over a fielder who has the ball. If the runner does not slide or try to avoid the fielder, they will automatically be out.
- **Overthrows:** Each base runner will be awarded only one extra base if the ball is thrown away by a fielder when throwing to a base or if it’s thrown into dead ball territory which is out of the field of play, or a ball gets stuck in the fence. For example: Johnny hits the ball to the pitcher, but the pitcher overthrows the 1st baseman, Johnny can try to advance and get to 2nd base. If another overthrow happens while Johnny attempts to reach 2nd base play will be dead and Johnny will stop at 2nd.
- **PRACTICES:** Coach will record attendance of players at practice. Every player must attend 3 pre-season practices before the 1st game to be eligible for participation. Acceptable excuses are death in the family, illness, or out of town. Players may be withheld from game participation for missed practices (determined by reason). Coaches will inform the field supervisor of players they are not intending to play due to a missed practice. The field supervisor will inform opposing coach and scorekeeper. Each team may schedule a maximum of 3 practices each week before games begin. All practices must be scheduled through the athletic coordinator (223-3518)

CONDUCT:

- **Equipment:** In order to keep costs down we reuse equipment each year. Please treat all equipment given to you like you bought it yourself and to take care of the equipment given. Equipment must be returned at the end of the season. Each staff member and volunteer working for the Wytheville Department of Parks and Recreation has the responsibility and the authority to enforce the rules and initiate disciplinary action. Participants have the responsibility to comply with the rules. Any participant who violates the rules will be subject to disciplinary action. All spectators and parents are asked to remain in spectator areas.
- **TRASH PICK UP:** Pick up your trash and clean up after your team after each practice and game.
- **Language:** We are here to learn and have fun. Cussing, making fun of other players, harassment of kids, refs, or staff will not be tolerated and is grounds for removal of premises and possible suspension.
- The Town of Wytheville Parks & Rec Department & Recreation Commissions are glad that you have chosen to participate in our recreation programs. All of the programs are offered and maintained to provide an enjoyable and wholesome recreation experience for you and all other participants. We hope that the programs offered will provide an opportunity for you to receive exercise and increase your skill level, but most of all, to have fun.
- To assure that you and everyone participating are able to receive the most from this recreational experience, we ask that you and each participant comply with the general rules regarding its programs, and facilities. These are posted in the lobby for your review. The rules have been made to assure that each person participating in our programs has an enjoyable experience, that each individual’s rights are protected, and the equipment and facilities are maintained so that others may utilize them in future program.
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- We ask that the coaches, participants and their families treat spectators and players from the other team as well as the officials with respect.