

ROOKIE COACH PITCH (RCP) BASEBALL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Each batter has the option to hit a pitched ball or have the ball placed on a Tee for his/her at-bat. The Tee is located immediately in front of and parallel to the front of home plate. If the player chooses to hit a pitched ball, he/she will have four pitches only, regardless of the quality of pitch, to put the ball in play. If the ball is not put in play in 4 pitches, it will be placed on the Tee.
2. A struck ball must go at least 12 feet (12') and must be within the foul lines to be a fair ball. Any ball hit less than 12' but between the lines will be deemed foul and the batter shall try again.
3. Players are permitted three (3) attempts to hit the ball 12' or more. On the fourth try, the ball is in play, if fair, regardless of distance hit.
4. All players present at the game will bat once every inning. The last batter in each inning shall run to home after his/her hit (i.e. he/she gets to hit a home run).
5. Runners shall advance one base per hit.
6. A batter cannot strike the ball until the Coach says to "play ball".
7. Regardless of the number of outs recorded, a half inning continues until the entire line-up of the batting team has batted. Runners who are ruled out shall remain on base and circle the bases until crossing home (i.e. everyone scores each inning).
8. All batters and base runners must wear helmet with a protective face mask.
9. Coaches should work with players who have a tendency to throw their bats.
10. The catcher must wear a helmet.
11. Defensive positions should be as close as possible to the standard baseball defensive positions with the extra players filling positions in between the regular positions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dublin Youth Athletics is an association of parent volunteers providing sports programs for kids. Coaches and league officials are volunteers. Please take time to thank them for making this program possible for your children. Rookie Coach Pitch Baseball is for youths who are kindergartners and reside within the Dublin City School District or within the City of Dublin. Each team is scheduled to play a total of 14 games, generally two games per week, one during a weekday and one on Saturday.

Each game lasts one hour and five minutes or three innings, whichever comes first. Weekend games may be played up to 1 hour and 15 minutes or four innings, whichever comes first. Games and practices may generally be held at one of the following locations:

Albert Chapman Elementary, 8450 Sawmill Road

Karrer Middle School, 7245 Tulleymore Drive

Riverside Elementary, 3260 Riverside Green Drive

Wyandot Elementary, 5620 Dublinshire Road

Parents will need to order a jersey (green/gray). This same jersey will outfit your child as he/she moves up each year. Parents may provide baseball pants, playing shoes (without spikes) and gloves or mitts. Trophies or medals will be provided to each player at the end of the season.

Picture Day for all RCP players and their team is typically scheduled for the first game day. Photo packages will be distributed during the league meeting or mailed to each team.