

COVID-19 Return to Play Rules: Boys and Girls Machine Pitch Rules Modifications

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The rules additions and modifications outlined below will be enforced for the NCIL Baseball and Softball Summer 2020 Season. Participants should note that there is risk to any social gathering in the current community situation, and these rules additions and modifications **do not remove all risk** from participation. These rules are intended to modify Boys and Girls Machine Pitch to be more fun for the kids during a time of increased requirements on the league.

These rules are a supplement to, and not a replacement of, the NCIL COVID-19 Return to Play Rules. Those rules will be required for coach pitch in addition to the rules noted below.

- Games will adhere to a hard stop time limit. Games will end 90 minutes from actual start time, regardless of game situation.
- There will be no practices permitted during the regular season.
- There will be two games per week during the regular season.
- At least one parent or guardian must attend each practice and game to assist in making sure kids adhere to NCIL COVID-19 rules during times players are not on the field.
- Coach pitch games and practices will not use dugouts. Players will sit with a parent or guardian anytime a player is not on the field. Parents, guardians, and players must maintain appropriate social distancing at all times.
- It is recommended that teams have at least four registered volunteer coaches available for pre-season practices.
- Coaches or volunteers who assist with collecting passed balls are required to remain at least six feet from any player and shall return all uncaught balls directly to the pitching coach.
- The catcher shall not retrieve passed balls, a ball that settles behind him or her. If the catcher does catch the pitched ball, they should roll it to the coach or volunteer collecting balls to return to the pitching coach.
- The defensive pitcher must stay at least six feet away from the adult operating the pitching machine.