

Caney Valley Recreation Coach Pitch Rules

1. Game Length: Each game will consist of 60 minutes and finish the inning, or 5 innings. A new inning will not start if there is less than 5 minutes remaining.
2. Protective Equipment: Batters/Base runners shall always wear batting helmets when not in the dugout. Intentionally knocking off a helmet while running is an out.
3. 5 runs per half inning.
4. Playing of Players: Every player must play at least two innings in field; free substitution is allowed. Coaches are encouraged to play participants at a variety of positions each game and throughout the season.
5. All roster players will bat in the batting lineup.
6. Each batter will receive 5 pitches or 3 swings. A foul ball is allowed off your last pitch. **No bunting in coach pitch.**
7. A batting lineup with players names and numbers must be turned into the umpire before each game.
8. The catcher shall wear full catcher's gear. Fielding face masks are not required but are encouraged for infielders.
9. The pitcher must remain on the infield dirt circle until the ball is hit.
10. A runner must remain on the base until the ball is hit. No stealing bases and no lead offs.
11. Runners are entitled to as many bases as they can attain until the ball is in the possession of any defensive player/Coach in the pitcher's circle. It will be the umpire's discretion on whether the runner was halfway to the next base once the ball is in the pitcher's circle. If the umpire decides the runner was not halfway, the runner will go back to the previous base.
12. Runners must slide at home s if there is a play being made. If the runner does not slide, it's the discretion of the umpire to determine if the runner is out.
13. When 10 players are playing, the defensive team must station 4 players on the outfield plus 6 players on the infield. Station no more than one player (besides the pitcher) on the infield.
14. Pitchers including the pitcher in the circle may field the ball and run to touch first base or run and touch the batter but should always be taught to throw to first if possible.
15. Should a batter throw the bat in a dangerous manner; the umpire should warn the batter and then may call the batter automatically "out" for repeatedly throwing the bat.
16. Caney Valley Recreation Commission will not be responsible for any accidents to any player, spectator, or property damage at any time.
17. There is a Zero Tolerance Policy in Effect.