

2016 KIYBSC Machine Pitch

KIYBSC Baseball Rules

Sportsmanship

Each manager is responsible for their team and parents. It is important to everyone at KIYBSC and our community that we all show sportsmanship at all times. Sportsmanship consists of positive coaching, attitudes, and encouragement at all times when representing KIYBSC and Kent Island.

BASE RUNNING

Bases will be located 60 feet apart. Players may not lead off or steal. Players may not leave the base until the ball is hit. If the player leaves base prior to the ball being hit, he will be called out (2 warnings per team – on the third offense they are called out).

BATTING

Each batter will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches from the pitching machine. During a team's first trip through the batting order a player that misses all 5 pitches from the machine will be allowed to take one (1) swing at the ball on a tee. If the ball has not been put into play after the swing on the tee, the batter is out. **This will only be permitted in their first at bat.** A foul ball or swing and miss from the tee is considered a strike out. The umpire may declare a "no pitch" if the ball is not hittable and the batter does not swing, in which case the pitch will not count towards the batter's 5 pitches.

Throwing the Bat WARNING: If a batter throws the BAT after a swing, a warning will be issued to the batter. If the same player throws the bat after being warned they will be ruled out.

******If a batter fouls of the 5th pitch they will continue to receive pitches until either putting the ball in play or striking out******

After May 1, 2016 NO tee will be permitted

BUNTING

Bunting is not permitted in 8U Machine Pitch division. A dead ball will be called immediately and a pitch counted against the batter if in the opinion of the umpire, the batter squares to bunt. If the pitch is the 5th pitch, the batter will be called out.

COLLISIONS

A defensive player may not block the base/base path when there is no play on the runner. Failure to observe this rule may result in the awarding of the base to the runner.

Runners must slide or otherwise attempt to avoid contact with a fielder in possession of the ball waiting to make a tag. If the umpire deems a collision is intentional or flagrant, the offending player will be called out. In this instance, the ball is dead and trailing runners may not advance. This is a judgment call and is not open to protest.

DROPPED THIRD STRIKE

There is no dropped third strike rule.

FIELD COACHES

A first and third base coach are allowed on the field while their team is at bat. Two (2) defensive coaches are allowed on the field during play.

INFIELD FLY RULE

There is no infield fly rule.

LINE-UPS

All present players will be in the batting order. Each team must provide their line-up to the opposing manager before the start of the game.

Ten (10) players may be placed on the field defensively.

Catcher, Pitcher, 2nd baseman, Shortstop, 3rd baseman, 1st baseman, (4) Outfielders

No player can sit on the bench for more than 1 consecutive inning!

Each player on the roster must play (2) two innings in the infield per 6 innings played.

-If a game doesn't reach six innings each player should have played infield at least once

Catcher is not considered an infield position!

MERCY RULE

There is a five (5) run limit per inning. When the 5th run is scored the teams will change sides.

In the final inning (PLEASE announce the final inning if the last inning is prior to the 6th) each team will be allowed to score 8-runs

There is no mercy rule.

OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK

Each team is required to keep a scorebook for the game and the final score should match at the end of the game.

PITCHING MACHINE

The pitching machine will be placed 44-46 feet from home plate and will be set to approximately 40 mph. Adjustments to the machine can be made in the middle of, or at the completion of an inning at the discretion of the umpire.

If a batted ball hits the pitching machine or comes to rest under the pitching machine, it is a dead ball situation, the batter will be awarded first base and all runners will advance one base. If a thrown ball hits the machine, it is a live ball and play continues. If a thrown ball comes to rest underneath the pitching machine, a dead ball is called. Any runner, that in the judgment of the umpire is more than halfway to a base, will be awarded that base. Otherwise, the base runner(s) will be returned to the

previous base.

Because of the consistency of the pitching machine (height of the pitched ball), a player will be allowed to move toward the pitcher or toward the catcher in such a manner that might otherwise cause the hitter to be considered out of the batter's box.

Bats

NO Big Barrel Bats are permitted during practice and games involving Rookie league players. If a player is found to be using a BIG Barrel Bat during the season the Manager will be suspended accordingly. All suspension lengths will be decided by the KIYBSC Board of Directors.

All Bats should be NO larger 2 ¼"

TIME LIMIT

There will be a 1 ½ hour time limit for all games. No new inning may be started after 1 hour 20 mins. Any inning started must be completed unless the home team is leading or takes the lead during its final at bat.

Tie games count as a tie if 6 innings have been completed or the time limit has been met as described above.

TIME OUT RULE

Any player, in possession and in control of the ball within the 60' base paths (and in fair territory) the play will be stopped! If the umpire/coach feels that the aforementioned requisites have been met, the umpire/coach will grant time out immediately. Any runner, that in the judgment of the umpire/coach is more than halfway to a base, will be awarded that base. Otherwise, the base runner will be returned to the previous base. **This will be based on the judgement of the designated Umpire/Coach that has been appointed prior to the game and is not disputable.**

UMPIRES

Each team will be responsible for providing an umpire/coach and make sure they are knowledgeable of the rules. The first umpire (batting team) will feed the balls into the machine to pitch and is responsible for all calls on the bases. If the pitcher needs assistance, he/she may ask base coaches and/or the Field Coach for assistance.

******Changes to any rules during the season will be communicated via the KIYBSC Board of Directors. Any rule changes that may occur will be made in the interest of competitive spirit, safety and sportsmanship.******

