

STEPHENVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RULES & GUIDELINES

**** EVERY PLAYER IS A WINNER IN THESE LEAGUES ****

Coach Pitch (5 & 6 years old)

1. Games consist of 4 innings or a 50 minute time limit. Once the 50 minute time limit has expired, the game is over at that point (even if the home team has not completed their half inning). Please make sure your game begins and ends on time.
 2. Coaches pitch to their own team. Each child gets three (3) pitches (not swings). If the ball is not hit after the 3rd pitch, the ball will be placed on a tee. Coaches may pitch under or overhand to their players. Coaches must have one foot inside the pitchers circle.
 3. Batters and base runners will be permitted to advance more than one base on a batted ball, when the ball enters the infield, runners must stop at the nearest base (advancing on overthrows will not be permitted).
 4. On offense all players bat once per inning (**base runners that make an out will be removed from base**). The last batter will be allowed to run around all bases (Suggestion: Alter your last batter so everyone gets an opportunity to run around all bases). All offensive players must wear batting helmets completely around the bases.
 5. All players play defense, **at the start of play, infielders must be in a normal fielder's position and outfielder's must be in the outfield position** (extra players must be positioned in the outfield). Player in catching position stands to the side, by the screen (clear of the plate area). The offensive coach with the batter will also serve as the catcher.
 6. Scores will be taken by the SPARD staff member present but standings do not count or go towards anything in this league. The intent of this league is to introduce fundamentals and for the kids to learn to have fun and good sportsmanship.
 7. Coaches may be positioned at these positions during the game:

Offense:	3 coaches (1 st base, 3 rd base and home plate)
Defense:	2 coaches (outside of each foul line-coaches need to attempt to be off the field before the ball is batted)
 8. Coaches should only play the children that are registered in the SPARD office and have been assigned to their team.
 9. Participants should wear proper attire and provide their own shoes and gloves for games.
 10. All coaches need to be familiar and play SPARD rules to prevent confusion – (if you have any questions call or come by the Rec Office)
 11. Coaches should stress FUN and the rest will take care of itself. Please respect the best interest of the players and their families.
 12. Coaches are responsible for their equipment (bats, baseballs, helmets). **Home team** will be responsible for providing baseballs and the tee for the game.
- ◆ Do not play a child who isn't on the roster.
 - ◆ All players should provide their own shoes and glove.
 - ◆ Stress FUN and the rest will take care of itself.
 - ◆ Respect the best interest of the players and their families.

COOPERATION AMONG THE COACHES IS ESSENTIAL IN MAKING THIS PROGRAM WORK