

## **WENDELL PARKS AND RECREATION 5-6 YEAR OLD COACH PITCH RULES**

1. All games will be played at Wendell Park. No score will be kept.
2. All players must use a glove.
3. Home team will be listed first on the schedule.
4. Each team will field a lineup of every team member present for the game. Those that arrive late will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
5. Games will consist of 5 complete innings, or a one hour time limit, whichever comes first.
6. The offensive team will bat until 5 runs have scored, 3 outs have been made, or the lineup has batted through.
7. Each batter will receive three (3) pitches from their coach to put the ball in play. If the ball is not put in play after 3 pitches, a tee will be placed on home plate for the batter. Fouls will count as swings.
8. Only the regular number of fielders will be allowed on the infield area. All others must be placed at least 5 feet behind the infielders.
9. Three (3) coaches are allowed in the outfield while their team is on defense.
10. Pitchers must stay in his/her position until the ball is hit. Infielders must stay behind the base lines until the ball is hit.
11. No stealing. Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. If a player is called out they must leave the base.
12. Only one base may be advanced on overthrown balls to first and third bases.
13. On a play at home plate, if the defensive player has control of the ball inside the 10 foot circle area before the base runner enters the circle, the runner will be called out. If the base runner enters the 10 foot circle before the defensive player has control, the runner is safe. Tagging the runner is not necessary. (This is to avoid contact with the batting tee). For safety reasons, teams will not field a catcher. (A coach will throw the ball back to the coach pitcher). If a bat is thrown out of the ten foot circle area after the ball is hit, the batter is out.
14. Coaches must pitch from the pitching rubber set at 30 ft. Coaches may pitch from their knees or standing. The ball must be thrown over handed to their batter.
15. Wendell Parks & Recreation Dept. does not provide trophies.