

### **(c) Caps Division:**

Regular season play will be used for instructional and developmental purposes. Score will be kept in this division. **No League Age 6-year-old can play in this division, unless waiver is obtained for that player.**

1. The home team will decide whether to use coach or machine pitch (**Note:** both may be used in the same game).
2. Both teams must provide at least three new balls for each game.
3. Home team shall use the 1st base dugout and visiting team the 3rd base dugout.
4. The Coach may use a glove stand in front of the mound or sit behind a screen. The Coach-Pitcher should not attempt to field balls during play.
5. The Player in the Pitcher position may play on either side of the Coach pitching the ball, between the mound area and corner base. After the ball is hit the Pitcher can move anywhere in the field of play.
6. Coaches Pitch- All batters will receive a total of 6 pitches unless 3 pitches are swung at and recorded as strikes. If by the 6th pitch the batter fails to put the ball in play the batter will be out.
7. In the event a ball hits the adult pitcher or screen, it is declared a dead ball and the batter and any players on base advance one base.
8. The pitching machine will be operated by the respective team managers or a designee of the manager. In the absence of an umpire, the operator of the pitching machine will serve as the umpire. The speed of the pitching machine must be set at or below 40 mph.
9. This division will become a player pitch division the week of April 15, the first three innings will be player pitch. The rest of the game will be coach or machine pitch.
10. No player may pitch more than one inning per game and no player can pitch in consecutive games.
11. Kid pitch - Each batter will receive 6 pitches unless struck out by any means. If 6 pitches are pitched and the result is not a strike out or a ball put in play the batter will be given 3 pitches from the coach. Strike count continues, if ball is not put in play or if the batter is not put out on strikes, after the 3 pitches batter will be out anyway.
12. Teams will bat continuous batting order. Latecomers must be added at the bottom of the order.
13. Each half inning will end once 5 runs have scored or 3 outs have been recorded, or the lineup bats once through the order whichever occurs first.
14. Free substitutions will be allowed but each player must play 6 defensive outs.
15. A player may not sit for two consecutive innings on the bench, nor sit for three innings on the bench until all players have sat one inning.
16. No player may play the same defensive position for more than 2 consecutive innings.
17. A fourth outfielder may be used.
18. No stealing bases allowed, no advancement except by the ball being put into play.
19. No more than 2 bases shall be awarded when the ball is put into play by the batter.
20. Runners cannot attempt to advance once the defense has the ball under control in the infield.
21. Managers and coaches are allowed on the field in this division. Managers will only be allowed on the field if they are pitching/running the pitching machine. One offensive coach to either pitch or feed the pitching machine. One defensive coach will be allowed in the outfield. Once player pitch starts only the defensive coach in the outfield is allowed.
22. There are no protests.

23. Any ball which hits the Coach or Pitcher on a batted or thrown ball will be decided a dead ball and the runners will reset.
24. There must be at least one approved coach in the dugout at all times.
25. Each player must wear a helmet when up to bat. Whenever the player is outside of the dugout, a helmet must be worn.
26. All players must wear a protective cup while catching.
27. No jewelry shall be worn with the exception of medical bracelets or necklaces and those must be taped to the body.
28. No food or gum is allowed in the dugouts.
29. Game shall not last longer than 1 Hour and 45 minutes. If the game is tied, it ends in a tie. If the time limit is reached during an at-bat, the batter shall finish their at-bat
30. The sixth (6) inning is a open inning, the inning ends when three outs are recorded or the players bat once through the lineup.
31. Borrowed Players— A team may borrow one or more players in order to field nine defensive players. The borrowed player must be from the same division, and must play in the outfield. If the borrowed player comes from the opposing team, the borrowed player will sit in their own dugout when not on the field, and will bat for their own team. The opposing manager may substitute the player borrowed player as long as the Minimum Play (Rule 7) is met.
32. Managers are responsible for maintaining written proof of adherence to mandatory play rules, and are required to submit proof if requested by the league player agent or president.
33. Conduct— A parent code of conduct must be signed by each parent and carried with the player's medical release. The conduct of the team and the parents must be above reproach. Failure of a player, parent, or team to act according to the parent code of conduct or its intent will be cause for removal of the player, parent, coach or team from the remainder of the season.
34. Field prep and cleanup— *Both* teams are responsible for grooming and preparing the field for play, as well as grooming and cleanup after the game. Home team to lead in pre-game preparation and visitors to lead in post-game cleanup duties.