Pitching Machine

Mission
The Town of Wytheville Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to providing high quality, wholesome recreation opportunities, programs and facilities to meet the diverse needs of all citizens.

Welcome
We are pleased that you and your child have made the choice to participate in our program. Our goal is to provide a quality experience for your child; one that focuses on fun while learning how to play the game. Our program will provide your child opportunities to learn values essential in life and society such as sportsmanship, winning and losing, team work and much more. It is our philosophy that leisure or recreation opportunities are necessary throughout one's life and help to maintain a healthy balance.

- Please remember this league is an instructional league for all of the players. Please help all players in assistance with positioning and batting. There will be no scored kept to help the players understand the fundamentals of the game rather than winning and losing at this age!!
- All coaches who are assisting in any way must fill out volunteer paperwork before they can help coach. These papers can be picked up at the front desk or by contacting Joshua Neal at 223-3518.
- Anytime there you hear thunder or seeing lightning, there will be a 30 minute wait from each occurrence. All players and coaches will need to exit the field until the waiting period is over.

Rules of the Game

1. At scheduled game time, the game will begin with the number of players present on each team. Players who come after the start of the game will be added to the end of the list.
2. **INNINGS/TIME LIMIT:** The game will last two (2) innings. There will be a one (1) hour and 15-minute time limit on games. An official game will consist of either 2 innings or a one (1) hour and 15-minute time limit.
3. **TIME OUTS:** Each team will receive one (1) time out per inning.
4. **RESTRICTED AREAS:** The dugout and field area is restricted to team members, coaches, scorekeepers, officials, and recreation personnel only.
5. **BATS:** All bats must be marked with the words "Tee ball Bat."
6. If a supervisor begins officiating the game, he will call a full inning.
7. **BATTING:** Every player on the team will be put in the batting order and will bat in their proper order. For each half inning all batters on the batting team will bat. When the entire batting order has batted, the half inning is over and the other team comes to bat. Therefore, each team member will bat in each of the two (2) innings.
8. **FIELD POSITIONS:** Players must play positions in the field (no overloading infield (6 player max). Infield must set up one (1) step behind the baseline and outfielders must set up in the outfield. A catcher is not used due to safety reasons.
9. All players on a roster will play in the field each inning with a max of 6 players in the infield. Defensive players that are placed in the field at the start of each inning must play the entire inning (unless forced out by an injury). All

players will play one full inning in an infield position. Coaches must rotate the infield to outfield and outfield to infield for each of the two innings. There will be a line in the outfield that all outfielders must stay behind!

10. **PITCHER POSITION:** The pitcher must be in position behind the designated line at the pitchers mound and may not move until ball has been hit by batter.
11. Each batter will bat until they get 3 strikes or until they hit the ball (whichever comes first). Pitch limit will be 8 pitches.
12. **THROWN BAT:** During a team's first game, batters will be given one warning the first time they throw the bat outside the circle around home plate and called out the second time. After the first game, batters will be called out whenever a bat is thrown. Play is dead and runners cannot advance.
13. **BASE STEALING:** Base stealing is not permitted.
14. For safety, a runner cannot intentionally try to run over a fielder who has the ball. If the runner does not slide or try to avoid the tag, they will automatically be out.
15. **DEAD BALL TERRITORY:** Each base runner will be awarded one base if the ball is thrown into dead ball territory which is across the fence or if the ball gets stuck in the fence.
16. All team members and coaches must stay in the dugout when not in the field.
17. **TRASH PICK UP:** If teams have refreshments in the dugout, they are expected to clean the area immediately after their game. Remember others must use that area after your game.
18. **COACHING ASSISTANTS:** Coaches are allowed a maximum of two assistants (whether teenagers or adults) which must be approved by the department. If a head coach is unable to attend a game, he/she is responsible for notifying the field supervisor which coach will be the "acting" head coach.
19. **CHASTISING:** Chastising the batter or any other persons on the opposing team will not be allowed.
20. **PRACTICES:** Coach will record attendance of players at practice. Every player must attend three pre-season practices before the first game to be eligible for participation. Acceptable excuses are death in the family, illness, or out of town. Players may be withheld from game participation for missed practices (determined by reason). Coaches will inform the field supervisor of players they are not intending to play due to a missed practice. The field supervisor will inform opposing coach and scorekeeper.
21. **PRACTICE LIMITS:** Each team may schedule a maximum of three (3) practices each week before games begin. All practices must be scheduled through the recreation department office (223-3518)
22. **CONDUCT:** The Wytheville Recreation Commission is glad that you have chosen to participate in our recreation program. All of the programs are offered and maintained to provide an enjoyable and wholesome recreation experience for you and all other participants. We hope that the programs offered will provide an opportunity for you to receive, exercise, and increase your skill level, but most of all, to have fun. To assure that you and everyone participating are able to receive the most from this recreational experience, we ask that you and each participant comply with the general rules regarding the Wytheville Department of Parks and Recreation, its programs, and facilities. These are posted in the lobby for your review. The rules have been made to assure that each person participating in our programs has an enjoyable experience that each individual's rights are protected, and the equipment and facilities are maintained so that others may utilize them in future programs. Each staff member and volunteer working for the Wytheville Department of Parks and Recreation has the responsibility and the authority to enforce the rules and initiate disciplinary action. Participants have the responsibility to comply with the rules. Any participant who violates the rules will be subject to disciplinary action. All spectators and parents are asked to remain in spectator areas.

Any rule or situation not addressed will be handled at the discretion of the staff.