



BOYS COACH PITCH LEAGUE RULES 2017

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I. Kenston Community Education Mission Statement

The mission of the Kenston Community Education Youth Sports Program is to promote participation by all Kenston School District residents in team and individual sports. Programs are designed to meet participant needs for physical activity, social interaction, fun, and skill development.

II. Purpose of KCE Youth Baseball

The purpose of KCE Coach Pitch Baseball is to provide training in the sport of baseball in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play with an equal opportunity for growth of individual skills, team play and the true enjoyment of playing baseball. Rules are created to ensure participants have an opportunity to develop baseball skills at the age appropriate levels.

III. Registration

All participants must be properly registered through Kenston Community Education.

IV. Rosters

- a. Team rosters will be determined by league officials to create as much balance in the league as possible.
- b. Any rostered players from the U8 travel team will be split evenly among rec teams with one (1) to two (2) U8 players per team.
- c. Creating balance is a difficult process and KCE will rely on the volunteer coaches to assist in keeping all games/contests fair and equitable.

V. Calling up a Younger Player

- a. Coaches are permitted to call up a younger player in the highest grade from the league below **ONLY** if their team is going to be short 9 or less players on any given game day.
- b. Player called up must be currently registered thru KCE. No unregistered siblings can play.



- c. KCE will provide a list of players who are interested in playing up. Rotate players from this list when calling up players.
- d. Any player called up must continue to play for their current rostered team.
- e. Any player called up is only called up for that one game and it must not interfere with their own league game.
- f. No rostered player shall sit to accommodate a called up player.
- g. Any player called up must play in the outfield.
- h. Any player called up must bat last.

VI. Equipment

- a. Kenston Community Education will furnish necessary practice equipment and game balls.
- b. The official game ball for Coach Pitch is a 9", RIF-5 (Reduced Injury Factor).

I. Practice

- a. A session is defined as either a game or a practice.
- b. Each team will be permitted one (1) to two (2) sessions per week prior to the games as scheduled by KCE.
- c. Once games officially start, there will be no practices due to game schedules and field availability. Additional practices will ONLY be scheduled if there is a big gap in a team's game schedule and if a field is available.

VII. Uniforms

- a. Kenston Community Education will provide game shirts and caps for each registered player.
- b. It is recommended that players wear gray or white baseball pants.
- c. No metal cleats are permitted.
- d. No jewelry is permitted to be worn during practices or games. This includes necklaces, earrings, studs, bracelets, etc. Medical identification bracelets are permitted but should be covered with a wristband or other soft material.

VIII. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

- a. Every effort must be made by coaches, parents and players to cooperate with officials and league personnel.
- b. No coach, player or spectator shall question the call of an umpire. Badgering of umpires is grounds for suspension.
- c. Players, coaches and spectators will be expected to display good sportsmanship at all times
- d. Prior to and during each game all coaches are required to promote fair play and sportsmanship.
- e. Coaches are permitted on the field to assist players with positioning and game play. At no time may a coach, other than the pitcher, touch a ball in the field of play.
- f. Any player, coach or spectator demonstrating poor sportsmanship, an incident report must be filled out and reported to the KCE office as well as the KCE board for recommendation of punishment.
- g. Only positive cheering is permitted. Coaches should ensure that all coaches, players and spectators act in a manner consistent with the purpose of providing a fun, non-competitive environment for the children.

IX. Scorekeeping and Standings

- a. Score will not be kept in the Coach Pitch League.
- b. No standings will be maintained.

X. Game Time

- a. All coaches should ensure that their players arrive at least 15-30 minutes prior to the start of any game.



- b. If a team is short-handed coaches should work together to ensure that a game can be played.
- c. Games start at 6:30 p.m. Home team shall have the field for warm-ups from 6:00 – 6:15 p.m.; the visiting team shall have the field from 6:15 – 6:30 p.m.
- d. In the case of inclement weather KCE' will post the announcement on the web site at www.kenstoncommunityed.org by 5:00 on weekdays and 8:00 AM on Saturday. If no notification is made teams are expected to arrive for the regularly scheduled game until the game umpires decide whether the game will be played or not.

XI. Game Rules

- a. No umpires will be used during the game. Coaches in the field (defensive team) will make all calls on the base paths.
- b. The distance between bases shall be 60 feet.
- c. The pitching distance shall be 40 feet. Player-pitchers shall stand at either side of the coach-pitcher until after the ball is pitched.
- d. Coaches will pitch to the players on his own team.
- e. All pitches must be thrown with an overhand motion. A “straight” pitch is recommended rather than a pitch with an arc.
- f. All players present must be included in the batting order.
- g. All players must wear a batting helmet when batting or on-deck.
- h. Ten (10) fielders will play defensively (six infielders and four outfielders).
- i. Defensively, all players should play at least one (1) inning in the infield and one (1) inning in the outfield.
- j. No player shall remain on the bench for two (2) consecutive innings.
- k. No player shall play the same defensive position for more than two (2) consecutive innings.
- l. Catchers shall wear appropriate protective gear and stand away from home plate and near the backstop. Catchers should not attempt to catch a pitched ball.
- m. A game is defined as seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes, whichever happens first. No inning should begin after 90 minutes have passed since the start of the game.
- n. An inning is defined as three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever happens first.
- o. Each batter can receive up to six (6) pitches to put the ball in play. If the batter fouls off the sixth pitch another pitch may be thrown. If the player reaches six pitches without putting the ball in play an out shall be recorded.
- p. No leadoffs or stealing is permitted.
- q. Base runners are permitted to slide.
- r. Base runners may not advance on an overthrown ball.
- s. On all batted balls in the field of play, base runners may continue to advance until the ball has reached the infield (a player does not need to have possession of the ball). Once the ball has reached the infield, base runners must be halfway to the next base in order to continue advancing. If a player is less than halfway to the next base he should return to the base he last touched.
- t. All team players must remain on the bench except for the batter and the on-deck batter. No practice swings may be taken unless in a fenced on-deck area.
- u. If possible, all rainouts will be rescheduled. If no fields are available, rainouts will be deleted from the schedule.

XII. Post Season

- a. No post-season games will be played in Coach Pitch.

XIII. Participation Awards

- a. Participation Awards will be given in Coach Pitch.

