



St. Martin
PARISH
GOVERNMENT

RECREATION RULES

2021

BOYS
COACH PITCH



MAIN RULES

- 1. NO STEEL CLEATS ALLOWED!**
- 2. Age on JANUARY 1st of year of play determines league.**
- 3. Misconduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, or harassment will not be tolerated within the recreational program.**
- 4. Any violation of the code above by a coach, player, parent, spectator or Umpire may result in a suspension to be enforced by the park director.**
- 5. Suspension may range from a game, multiple games, or the entire season.**
- 6. Conduct will be strictly enforced.**
- 7. All games start at 6 pm.**
- 8. Team to right of schedule is home.**
- 9. ONLY PARK DIRECTORS can cancel or reschedule games.
NOT COACHES.**
- 10. First and 3rd base coaches cannot touch base runners during live action. Should a violation of this rule happens, the runner will be called out.**
- 11. It is strongly suggested that both coaches meet with umpires at home plate to discuss rules prior to start of the game.**

Coach Pitch--BASE RUNNER RULES:

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- *Base runners shall not run over a defensive player intentionally. Should this happen, the umpire, at his/her discretion shall call the runner out and ejected for the remainder of the game.
- *Second offense during season: should this occur for a second time (same player) said player will be ejected from the current game and suspended for the next game.
- *Third offense during season: Said player will be suspended for remainder of season.
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- *Ejection forms must be filled in by all parties (coaches, umpires and directors and submitted to parish office.
- ***Defensive players** shall not block any base (1st, 2nd, 3rd or home).
- *Runners must have plate/base access. Should this occur, umpire will call obstruction and call the runner safe.
- *All runners are instructed to slide when a play is being made.

COACHES

OFFENSES: COACHES ONLY ALLOWED AT FIRST & THIRD BASE.

DEFENSE: ONLY ONE COACH ALLOWED AT DUGOUT DOOR.

Defensive coach may stand behind outfield arc; out of field of play.

DUGOUT: A TOTAL OF THREE COACHES ONLY ARE ALLOWED PLUS 1 SCORE KEEPER

NOTE: Only coaches and players are allowed in the dugout for safety reasons.

Coach Pitch-RULES

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- ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 6:00 PM
- 1 hr 30 mins- time limit – or- 5 innings
- Inning 1-4; 5 run limit, 5th inning open.
- OPEN Inning: Any inning beginning after the 1 hr 15 min mark will be designated as the OPEN inning.
- ***NOTE:** Any game may be ended by umpires, coaches and park director for the following reasons:
 - A) Lack of a field with lights; Darkness
 - B) Weather Conditions
 - C) Poor field Conditions
 - D) Unsafe environment of players, coaches, umpires and FANS!

* Player will have 6 pitches to put ball into fair play- **NO STRIKE OUT**

* A 10' arc in front of home plate will be placed: ball must travel beyond the arc to be considered in fair play.

*10 fielders; entire line up bats; free substitution

*Pitching coach shall be in contact or behind pitching rubber until the batter has hit the ball.

*Pitcher should stand on either side of pitching coach or behind

*Outfielders must stand behind outfield arc until ball is put into play

*It is recommended that ALL players play at least 2 defensive innings per game.

*Ball- soft touch baseball

*Baserunning: When a ball is hit into the outfield, baserunners may advance. Once ball is returned to infield and in possession of an infielder the umpire will call time at their discretion. The umpires will determine baserunner placement as per baserunning rules.

* Team may start with 8 players, but may not start or continue with less. Result is a forfeit.

Coach Pitch 7-8 --Pitch 35 'minimum. 60' Base

THE GAME

Each head coach shall complete a lineup before each game. The lineup shall include each player's first and last names, and uniform number. The lineup should be given to the official scorekeeper at least (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

Regulation games shall be five (5) innings.

A team's turn at bat shall terminate when a third out has been made, or five (5) runs have been scored.

The fifth inning of a regular game shall be open, and each team shall be permitted to bat until a third out has been made. The **TEN RUN RULE shall be in effect after four (4) innings**, and the **FIFTEEN RUN RULE shall be in effect after (3) innings**

PITCHING

*Any coach/adult shall be permitted to pitch to players.

*Coaches shall pitch from behind and off to the side of the pitching rubber.

*The Coach shall stay in contact with the pitching rubber until the batter has hit the ball

*Coaches shall pitch a maximum of six (6) pitches to each batter. If the batter has not hit a fairly batted ball after the maximum number of pitches, they shall be declared out.

BATTING

*The ball shall travel a distance of (10) feet to be declared a fair ball. A ball traveling less than ten (10) feet shall be declared a foul ball.

*The batter is not permitted to bunt or intentionally swing easily at the ball. If a violation occurs, the batter shall be called out and the ball shall be declared dead. NO runners shall advance.

*****THERE SHALL BE NO INFIELD FLY RULE.**

****The batted ball strikes the coach that is pitching, that ball shall be live and in play.**

****The coach that is pitching touches a batted ball, and it is declared improper, the play shall become dead and the batter shall be awarded first base. All other runners shall advance one base without liability of being put out.**

BASERUNNING

ALL BOYS BASE RUNNERS SHALL NOT RUN OVER A DEFENSIVE PLAYER INTENTIONALLY. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN (UMPIRE AT HIS DISCRETION**) WILL MAKE THE CALL, THE BATTER IS OUT AND EJECTED FOR REMAINDER OF THE GAME. *Adopted at meeting of 4/1/15***

Base runners shall not be allowed to take a lead or steal bases. The base runner shall remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit. If a violation occurs, the base runner shall be called out and the ball shall be declared dead. The pitch shall be declared dead and no other base runners shall advance.

When the batted ball is in the outfield, base runners may continue to advance. Once the ball is returned to the infield, and in possession of an infielder, all base runners may advance only to the base they are going to. **The umpire shall call time.** The ball shall then be declared dead.

PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTES

****Ten (10) defensive players shall be allowed on the playing field. There shall be four (4) players in the outfield.**

****Teams may have one (1) coach at each outfield foul line to help coach the defensive players. However, these coaches shall remain in the outfield in foul territory and may not advance past the base on the foul line. **There shall be no coaching from the mound area.****

****The catcher shall wear a catcher's helmet and mask and shall have the option to use any glove. The catcher shall stand away from plate until batter has hit the ball.**

EXCEPTION- If a player misses practice or violates team rules, a coach at his/her discretion has the right to disregard the rule and take necessary disciplinary actions.

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COACH PITCH MISCONDUCT:

Any player, spectator or coach having to be ejected from a game for any reason will be barred from his/her team's next played game. If this is a player/coach and it happens again he will be dropped from the team for the remainder of the season. If ejected, s/he must leave the playing field within one minute after being ejected.

***Cursing** and undue or continuous baiting of any official is unsportsmanlike conduct and is cause to eject player or coach from the game.*

EJECTION FORM

DATE: _____

PARK: _____

GAME AGE- CLASS: _____

PLAYER/COACH'S NAME: _____

HOME TEAM: _____ . COACH: _____

VISITING TEAM: _____ . COACH: _____

HOMEPLATE UMPIRE: _____

BASE UMPIRE: _____

DESCRIPTION: _____

DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____