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CYO SOFTBALL – COACH-PITCH/T-BALL

RULE 1 - ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1: COACHES - A. All coaches must attend a CYO approved coaches training program every year. No Exceptions! (See General Rule for Coaches

Development). Only coaches with designated coaching credentials will be permitted onto the court. Credentials must be worn for all CYO games or coaches will be asked to locate to the spectator area.

B. Coaches must comply with diocesan and parish requirements of Vitrus Training and criminal background checks by their perspective parishes.

SECTION 2: PLAYERS: For girls and boys in grades 1-2.

RULE 2 - STRUCTURE

SECTION 1: Division IV: Coed k—all 1st and 1st/2nd grade will be 3 innings T-Ball and 3 innings coach pitch.

SECTION 2: Division IV: Coed - all 1st, 2nd and 1st/2nd grade will be all coach pitch.

RULE 3 - UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

SECTION 1: The ball will be a baseball softie ball.

SECTION 2: Full helmets are mandatory for all batters, base runners and on the deck batter. All helmets (catcher's and batting) must have a NOC-SAE sticker embossed. The National Federation rule regarding batting helmets will be in effect. All helmets must be equipped with NOCSAE approved face protectors. The helmets are mandatory for all batter, base runners and the on-deck batter.

SECTION 3: Shoes may be rubber molded or tennis shoes.

SECTION 4: Bases will be a distance of 50 feet. Pitchers' plate will be 30 feet from home plate.

SECTION 5: No jewelry is allowed.

RULE 4 - GAME

SECTION 1: Each game will consist of 6 innings.

SECTION 2: 1½ hours time limit will be in effect. No new inning can begin after the time limit.

SECTION 3: The first 3 innings will be T-Ball. The next 3 innings will be coach pitch or teams may choose to play all innings coach pitch. An offensive coach will pitch to their team, but will not be allowed to field the ball defensively. (This must be declared at the mandatory pre-season coaches meeting)

SECTION 4: Game Cancellation: CYO will cancel all games due to adverse weather no later than one hour prior to the game. The home team must contact CYO to determine the condition of their field. If the game is cancelled, the home team will inform the visiting team.

Information

regarding cancelled games will be available by contacting the CYO Cancellation number @ 330.762.2961 ext 304. Games may or may not be rescheduled upon the agreement of both coaches. If it should rain anytime after game time, the game will continue at the discretion of both teams.

SECTION 5: Lightning and Inclement Weather: Occasionally, it may be necessary to interrupt an outdoor athletic game due to lightning in the area. Due to the fact that this natural phenomenon is highly unpredictable, at the first sign of lightning or other threatening weather (thunder), coaches shall suspend the game until 30 minutes after the last bolt of lightning has been seen or the last sound thunder has been heard. All games suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption.

SECTION 6: Each team must provide one adult umpire each game.

SECTION 7: The team as designated on the schedule is the home team and is the official scorer.

SECTION 8: No stealing or lead-offs. The base runner may leave the base once the ball is hit.

SECTION 9: No infield fly rule.

SECTION 10: Sliding is permitted.

SECTION 11: If the batter does not hit the ball fair after 6 swings/pitches, the batter must then attempt to hit from the tee.

SECTION 12: An 8-foot radius circle around the pitchers' plate will be drawn on the field.

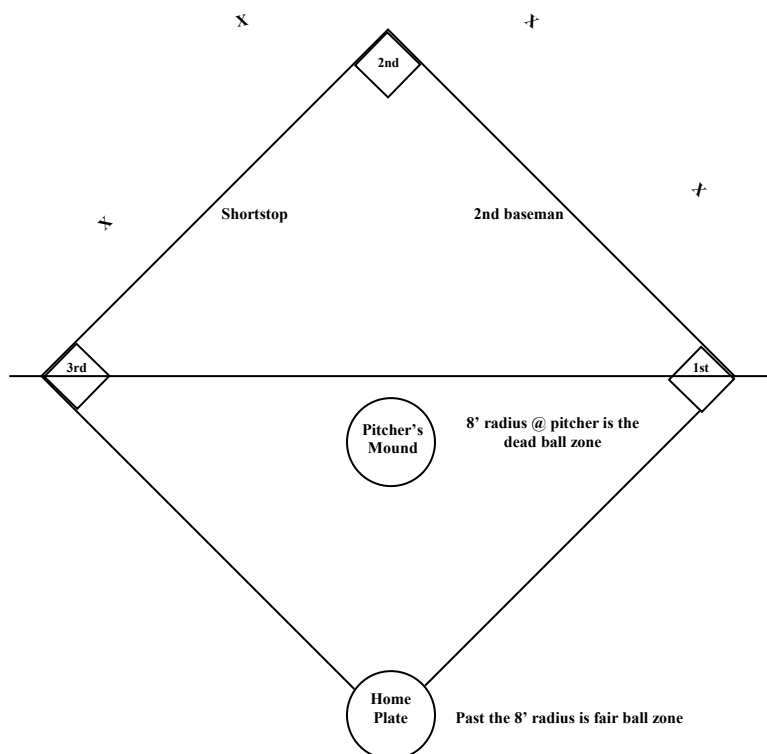
A. This will be known as the dead ball zone.

B. Once the ball is in the dead ball zone, the runners cannot advance. If the runner is more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the distance before the ball is in the dead ball zone, the runner will advance to the base they are going - if less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the distance, then the runner must return to the last touched base.

SECTION 13: The defense will consist of 10 players that includes a pitcher and a catcher position.

A. All defensive players except the catcher must remain behind the line until the ball is hit. Players must be placed according to official softball positions (i.e. left fielder, 3rd base, etc. The four outfielders must be placed in the outfield.)

B. The line will be drawn on the field as shown.



SECTION 14: The strike zone-fair ball zone will be an 8-foot radius circle around the tee. The ball must be entirely out of the 8-foot radius to be a legal hit.

SECTION 15: Open substitution is permitted.

SECTION 16: One base on an overthrow to first and third or home. The ball remains a live ball on an overthrow to second.

SECTION 17: Throwing the bat dangerously will constitute a warning, then an out.

SECTION 18: There will be a six (6) run limit per inning. After six (6) runs, the teams automatically change sides.

SECTION 19: Continuous batting order is in effect (all players bat).

RULE 5 - PARTICIPATION

All players must play a minimum of two consecutive defensive innings.

RULE 6 - COACHES

SECTION 1: Two (2) coaches are the maximum allowed on the field during defense. Coaches may not interfere with the play.

SECTION 2: Base coaches during offense is mandatory.

A. Coach shouts "ready" and sets ball on the tee.

B. Coach shouts "set" and the batter is then allowed to hit the ball.

SECTION 3: Coaches must pitch in an underhand motion to all girls and overhand motion to all boys.

SECTION 4: Coaches are responsible for their players and spectators.

RULE 7 - SPECIAL RULES

SECTION 1: Each player must be treated with dignity regardless of their ability.

SECTION 2: Once a player is injured, the game stops immediately.

SECTION 3: Harassing an opponent by chattering, "hey batter", "you can't hit", etc. is illegal. Interpretation: Chatter can only include support for your own team. Chatter that is permitted includes "let's go team", "come on, Patty", "nice play", etc.

SECTION 4: CYO Participation Certificates will be distributed to all players, upon request.

SECTION 5: No player, spectator, or coach shall be permitted (less than 15 feet.) behind the backstop during the progress of a game.



CYO ATHLETIC PRAYERS

Pre-Game Prayer

Lord God, thank You for bringing us
together in Your name.

We know You are with us now
as You promised.

Please help the players, coaches, and
officials to play and be fair. Keep us all safe
from injury. Thank You for giving us the
chance to teach our
faith to others by our actions.

Amen

Post Game Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the
opportunity and challenge of this game.
You call us to compete well, finish the race,
and grow in our Faith!

Help us to remember we can do all things
through You, who gives us strength.

Amen

Alone at the Plate

**The batter pulls on the helmet,
picks up the bat, And walks to the plate,
“gotta hit and that’s that.”**

**The crowd starts to yell,
the game’s on the line;
Last inning, two outs, the score’s nine to nine.**

**Dad yells “ Go get it,” Mom wrings her hands.
Coach hollers, “hit it”
but alone the child stands.**

**Heroes are made in seconds,
such as this, but it’s just a little child,
what if they should miss?**

**Years after this game’s ended and they are
little no more, will the child remember
the outcome or even the score?**

**No they will have forgotten
if they were out, hit, or scored a run,
They will only look back on their friends and the fun.**

**So cheer this little child on,
alone with their fate;
Help them remember with fondness,
this stand at the plate.**

**Spend your time wisely
and help in their quest, to be a hitter with
confidence and always do their best.**

**And when the game’s over,
this child can stand tall, for you’ve helped
them prepare to give it their all!**