

Granada Hills Little League

Farm Coach/Kid Pitch Division Local Rules 2017

Flag

- The Visitor team of the first game of the day will be responsible for putting the flag up.
- The Home team of the last game of the day will be responsible for taking the flag down.

Prior to the game

- Managers should have their lineup cards ready 10min. before the start of the game.
- Home team will use the dugout on the first base side / Visitor team on 1st base side.
- **One Manager & two (2) coaches per team in the dugouts. A team Mom is also acceptable if you need help organizing the players.**
- Players will stand up the lines for the Pledge of Allegiance & Little League Pledge.

The Field

- The Home team is responsible to chalk the foul lines & batter's box.
- The visiting team is responsible to drag and rake at the conclusion of the game. If a team consistently fails to do its part it will lose practice time.

The Players

- No more than 10 players on defense, 6 infielders and 4 outfielders.
- No player shall sit out for more than 3 defensive outs in a row.

Batting

- Each team will bat around their entire line up.
- There is no Bunting in the Farm Division.
- There is no base on balls in the Farm C/K pitch division. If the count reaches 4 balls, the coach for the hitting team will enter coach pitch to his/her player. The coach will pitch the amount of pitches equal to the remaining strikes left in the count. **Example:** If the count is 4 balls & no strikes the coach will get 3 pitches. If the player fouls off his final pitch the coach will continue pitching. The player needs to understand he must swing and try to hit the coach pitch no matter what the location of the pitch. If the count is 4 balls & 2 strikes the coach gets only 1 pitch.
- When coach pitching the coach needs to have at least one foot on the dirt area of the mound.
The coach may kneel to throw the coach pitches.
- **If a batted ball strikes the coach pitcher it will be considered a foul ball.**
- A batter hit by a coach pitch is not awarded a base.

Base Running

- Stealing is allowed, one base at a time. **Example:** a runner on first steals second, the ball is thrown into center field, the runner **MAY NOT** advance any further on that play.
- There is no stealing of home.
- Time out can be called when a player has the ball on the dirt area of the pitcher's mound. If the base runner is more than half way to the next base **(IN THE UMPIRES OPINION)** the umpire will award that runner that base, if not half way the runner will be sent back to the previous base. This rule is not to be used as a strategy it is to avoid the ball from being thrown all over the place.
- Base runners cannot leave the base until the pitch reaches the batter. If the runner leaves early the umpire will send the runner back to the original base without penalty.
- *Overthrows - Players may not advance more than one base on an overthrow but the play is still live and runners advance at their own risk. (No automatic bases on an overthrow)*

Scoring

- Five run rule is in effect. Except for the 6th inning of the game.
- There is no mercy rule in Farm. Managers are encouraged to show sportsmanship if the score gets lopsided, i.e., stop stealing.

Pitching

- 7-8 year olds (league age) may pitch 50 pitches per day or 4 innings whichever occurs first.
- 6 & 9 year olds may not pitch in Farm.

Note: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Pitching Affidavit Requirements

- Pitching Affidavit for both teams to be presented to the Home team scorekeeper (Official Scorekeeper) for eligibility verification. Must be in ink.
- Managers must have pitching affidavit in their possession at the start of every game If not in possession the affidavit must be presented within 30 minutes after the start of the game.
- If pitching affidavit is not presented the Manager is to be suspended for the next scheduled game.
- Continued noncompliance face further action and disqualifies the team from T.O.C. participation

Length of the game

- No new inning to start after 1:40 from official start time.
- No Farm game will go more than 2hrs.(Drop Dead)

Good Luck and Remember it's a Kids Game!