



Coach Pitch Baseball Rules

Basic Rules

1. Overview

- Teams will be co-ed in all youth divisions.
- League standings and game scores will not be kept.
- Games will be played at Joe Santos Field located at 843 W. Northen, Pueblo, CO 81004.
- All teams will receive a minimum of six games, inclement weather may alter the season. Make-up games can be played the next day which could include a weekend.
- No schedules will be changed, altered or modified without each team receiving a written revision from the program coordinator.
- Ten batters per inning or three outs.
- Playing field use is restricted for game use only. No person or participants are allowed in the playing area. The field will be cleared between games. (Example: no sliding into home plate between games.)
- If weather conditions are threatening, teams are expected to check www.teamsideline.com/pueblo for the status of games prior to game time to determine if the game will be played or if it is or canceled. This rule applies to all scheduled games. Rainouts may or may not be rescheduled. Site Supervisors will also do their best to communicate cancellations to coaches.
 - a. If lightning is within 10 Miles of the playing field the game will be postponed 30 minutes for each strike. Staff member will be using a weather app to track lightning because even though it might not be visible it can still be around and be dangerous.
 - b. During lightning delays, we ask that all players and coaches stay in the dugouts or head to their cars.
- Use of alcohol and tobacco by any adult associated with each team is strictly prohibited during practice or game times. Violation of this rule will result in the violator being ejected from the game or for repeated offenses, being suspended from coaching in this and any Pueblo Parks & Recreation youth sports division program. Please inform your parents that smoking is prohibited within the ballpark.
- No rules will be changed, added or modified for the 2025 season.

2. Players

- All coaches, head, and assistants must have a valid coach ID that is shown to the field supervisor PRIOR to each game. Field staff will have a list of all approved coaches. Any coach that is not approved or does not have the proper ID will not be allowed to coach until the proper identification is presented.
- Only coaches that have completed the "volunteer application" and turned in all 2024 coaching paperwork through Pueblo Parks & Recreation and have been approved by the Pueblo Parks & Recreation may coach. Assistant Coaches: can only coach if they have been cleared through Pueblo Parks & Recreation and have completed the above requirements. Please plan ahead! It may take up to two weeks for approval.

- Coaches will be responsible for their spectators (parents) and their player's attitudes and behaviors during practice and games. Should attitudes and/or behaviors become unmanageable; the Site Supervisor will ask the spectators/players to leave the field. The Youth Sports Coordinator and/or Recreation Supervisor will be notified, and spectators/participants will not be allowed to return until a meeting has been held in the Parks & Recreation office.
- Any coach and/or parent displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be warned to cease this behavior. If this behavior continues, he/she will be ejected from the game and required to leave the game facility. Further unsportsmanlike behavior can result in a coach being suspended from coaching in this and any Pueblo Parks & Recreation Youth Sports Division program. Spectators and players are also expected to maintain sportsmanlike behavior and in extreme cases will be asked to leave the premises. Examples of unsportsmanlike behavior include profanity, protesting umpire's judgment calls, etc. Players, coaches and parents are expected to be role-models by supporting this focus on youth development.
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COACHES EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

All youth coaches are required to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. Being a role model for our youth is a task that should be thoughtfully considered. Therefore, it is paramount that the behavior and attitude of our coaches be scrutinized to promote a healthy and rewarding atmosphere for our youth.

Section 1.01 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Official(s) and/or PPRD staff at all recreation program sites have the authority to reprimand, eject, and/or suspend coaches for misconduct. An ejection of any type will result in a minimum of a 1-game suspension from any PPRD program and/or facility (the ejection game is not included in the suspension period); suspensions may carry over to the next season. If a coach is ejected on another occasion that coach may be suspended from all PPRD programs for a minimum of one year from the date of the second offense. If an individual coaches' multiple teams, the suspensions apply to all teams. All disciplinary actions administered by the official(s) and/or PPRD staffs are at their discretion.

POLICY ON DISPUTES

All disputes will be handled by the Youth Sports Coordinator, and then followed by the Recreation Supervisor and final decision will be determined by the Director of Pueblo Parks and Recreation.

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Joe Santos Field

1. Games

- Third Base dugout will be **Home Team**. First Base Dugout will be for the **Visitors**. Home/Visitors teams will be determined by the schedule.
- Games will consist of 6 inning game or a 50-minute time limit, whichever comes first.

- No new inning will begin after the time limit has expired. Innings in progress will be played out, and the home team will get their turn to bat.
- All present players must be listed in the batting order. All players will bat before the leadoff hitter bats again. The batting lineup will remain the same for the entirety of the game.
- Lineups will be turned into homebase umpire fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- Teams must be ready to play at the scheduled game starting time. Begin and end your warm-ups accordingly.
- Metal spikes will **NOT** be allowed.

2. **Batting**

- Bunting is NOT allowed.
- Base stealing is **NOT** allowed. Players must remain on their respective base until the batter makes contact.
- Players must always wear protective batting helmets while batting and base running.
- The pitching coach will determine where and how to pitch to each individual child. Both overhand and underhand pitching is permissible. Coaches will pitch to their own team when batting.
- If a batted ball hits the pitching coach, it is ruled a dead ball and will not impact the hitter's count.
- Players will not reach first base on a walk or being hit by a pitch. If a batter gets three strikes, they will **NOT** be out, but instead have an opportunity to hit off a tee.
- Play will be stopped when the ball is in the possession of the pitcher or when the pitcher is receiving an incoming ball. Players are free to advance at their own risk until that time. Once play has been stopped it will not begin again until the ball is hit by the batter.
- A base runner that runs over any defensive player (including the catcher) attempting to make a play will be called out and is subject to ejection.
- **Throwing the bat:**
 - 1st offense - warning
 - 2nd offense - batter is out
- **Swing and miss:**
 - 1st time- strike one
 - 2nd time- strike two
 - 3rd time- strike three (batter hits off tee)
- **Foul Balls:**
 - 1st time- strike one
 - 2nd time- strike two
 - 3rd time-strike three
 - 4th time-(batter hits from a tee)
- **Balls of the plate:**
 - 1st time- ball one
 - 2nd time- ball two
 - 3rd time- ball three
 - 4th time- ball four (batter hits off tee)

3. **Field**

- Players will switch positions each inning with the goal of each player having the opportunity to learn each position (applies to the infield and outfield). Safety concerns take precedence over this rule at times.
- All participants will play in the field—there will be no players sitting on the bench. There will be one player at each infield position, and the remaining players will be placed in the outfield.
- The player in the “pitching” position will play in proximity to the pitching rubber.
- The catcher will wear a batting helmet and play behind the line until the batter runs.