



## **BARC Athletics Baseball 4U/6U Tball/Coach Pitch Rules General Rules**

### **General Rules**

- Ages: 4U (ages 3-4) & 6U (ages 5-6)
- Game Length: 3 innings or a time limit (70 minutes)
- Ball Type: Soft-core safety baseball
- Team Size: No more than 12 players per team
- Coaches on Field: Allowed to assist both offense and defense
- Field Dimensions:
  - Base Paths: 50 feet
  - From Home to 2<sup>nd</sup> Base 70' 7"

### **Batting Rules**

- Batting Order: Every player gets to bat in an inning (whether they get out or not)
- Hitting Options:
  - 4U: Usually hits off a tee only
  - 5U-6U: Often get a coach pitch option (5-7 pitches), then hit off the tee if they don't hit (Coach's Discretion)
- No Strikeouts: Players keep trying until they hit
- Bat Throwing: If a player throws the bat, they get a warning. Multiple violations may lead to missing a turn at turn

### **Base Running Rules**

- No Leading Off or Stealing
- One Base at a Time on regular hits
- Overthrow Rule: No extra base on an overthrow

- Last Batter Rule: The last batter of the inning runs all the bases, clearing them

### **Fielding Rules**

- All Players Play on Defense (typically 5 infielders, others in the outfield)
- No player Catcher (coach stands in to assist)
- No Infield Fly Rule
- Players Rotate Positions to learn different roles

### **Scoring & Outs**

- Scoring is not kept
- Outs Are Encouraged: Runners are not out if tagged or forced out at a base
- Inning Ends When:
  - Everyone bats once