

# Gainesville Youth Summer League

## 2022 RULES

### Coach Pitch DIVISION

#### Ages 6-8 boys

- **Age:6-8 Boys**
- PROMOTE SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES!!!!
- Bases will be 60 feet
- Time Limit: 60 minutes or 5 innings, *no inning will start after 55 minutes, unless score is tied.*
- Coach Pitch.
- Each batter gets 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes. If last pitch is fouled off, batter gets another pitch.
- No bunting. Batted ball must pass beyond 10' line from home plate or it is foul. Ball on line is fair. Defense may not field ball until it crosses 10' line.
- Player pitcher must remain inside pitching circle until ball is hit.
- Coach Pitcher must pitch from inside pitching circle. Coach pitch distance is 35'. *(However, please allow for flexibility depending on ability level due to our age group discrepancies)*
- If batted or thrown ball hits coach pitcher ball is dead. Batter runner and all other runners are awarded one base.
- Play stops when ball is returned to pitching circle or when runners have stopped and umpire has called time out. If runners are not past half way line by the time player pitcher or coach pitcher has ball in circle the runner must return to previous base. Errant throw to pitcher will be counted as pitcher catching it. *This is an umpire judgment call and runners may be asked to return to previous base or allowed to stay at the base they had reached.*
- **Overthrow rule:** when defensive team throws ball to a base to attempt to get an out and the ball is overthrown or missed the runner being played on and all other runners are allowed to advance at their own risk 1 base only. When overthrow is retrieved by defense ball is dead unless player throws ball in attempt to get advancing runner out.
- 10 players, free substitution in the field. Batting order remains same throughout game.
- 5-run rule limit per half inning.
- No lead-offs, runners may not leave the base until ball is hit.
- NO base stealing allowed.
- The batter **may not** go to first after a dropped third strike.
- A batter does not get to take first base if hit by a pitched ball.
- Runners who leave the base too soon will normally be warned by the umpire and made to return to the base which they have left, however the umpire may call the player out if the action is flagrant or repeated or he may reduce the number of bases advanced if the ball was hit, etc.
- 10 run rule will apply after 4 innings. 15 run rule after 3 innings.
- Home or senior umpire has final word. In the case of rain, etc., a game that has gone 3 innings (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  innings if the losing team has batted a third time) is considered a completed game
- No player can be on 2 rosters in the same league or on 2 rosters in the same age group of the GYL
- Teams may use as few as 7 players. SEE PLAYER ROSTER GUIDELINES
- All players must bat, even if they are not in the field