

## **RULES 8U MACHINE PITCH TOURNAMENT**

2010 Rules

### **2010 AGES APPLY**

1) MOST TOURNAMENTS AT LENZ FIELD & SPORTS COMPLEX CHARGE ADMISSION TO ENTER THE FACILITIES.

2) THERE IS **NO CHEWING GUM OR SUN FLOWER SEEDS** ON THE FIELD. NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS ALLOWED IN THE PARK AT ANY TIME BY PLAYERS, COACHES OR UMPIRES. SHOES: NO METAL SPIKES. BASEBALL RUBBER CLEATS WORK THE BEST ON LENZ FIELD.

3) BATTING ORDER: ALL PLAYERS MUST HIT IN THE BATTING ORDER. THERE IS OPEN SUBSTITUTION FOR THIS TOURNAMENT AT ALL POSITIONS. TEN PLAYERS WILL PLAY THE FIELD FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. FOUR OUTFIELDERS, FOUR INFELDERS AND A PITCHER AND CATCHERS. THE PITCHER MUST STAND WITH AT LEAST ONE FOOT IN THE BROWN PITCHING CIRCLE, OR NO MORE THAN HALF WAY BETWEEN THE PITCHING MACHINE AND SECOND BASE IN A DIRECT LINE.

4) 6 INNING GAME . 1 HOUR 15 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.  
RUN RULE: 20 AFTER 3, 16 AFTER 4, 9 AFTER 5  
AN INNING IS 3 OUTS OR 8 RUNS MAX PER TEAM PER INNING

5) BUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED. IF PLAYER SHOWS BUNT THEN PULLS BACK AND SWINGS PLAYER IS OUT AND RUNNERS RETURN TO THEIR PREVIOUS BASE.

6) BATS: THERE ARE NO BAT RESTRICTIONS FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.

7) PLAYER GETS 5 GOOD PITCHES TO HIT. IF THEY MISS OR TAKE 5 STRIKES THAN THAT COUNTS AS A STRIKE OUT. IF THEY SWING AT A BAD PITCH THAT COUNTS AS A STRIKE. IF THEY DO NOT SWING AT A BAD PITCH THEN THAT PITCH DOES NOT COUNT. PITCHING DISTANCE IS 42FT AND 40-42 MPH. IF PLAYER FOULS OFF THE LAST PITCH THEY GET ANOTHER PITCH. IF THE CATCHER CATCHES A FOUL TIP ON THE FIFTH STRIKE THE BATTER IS OUT.

8) NO STEALING. NO LEADING OFF UNTIL BALL IS HIT. IF THE BALL IS NOT HIT AND THE RUNNER IS OFF THE BASE, YOUR TEAM WILL RECIEVE ONE WARNING AND THEN RUNNER WILL BE CALLED OUT.

9) AFTER THE BALL IS SECURED BY AN **INFIELDER** INSIDE THE BROWN INFIELD AREA ON LENZ FIELD & FIELD #3 AND INSIDE THE GREEN TURF AREA ON FIELD #1 & #2, THE PLAY IS CONSIDERED A DELAYED DEAD BALL.

- A. IF DEFENSIVE PLAYER MAKES A PLAY ON THE RUNNER, THE BALL IS LIVE.
- B. IF THE RUNNER IS MORE THAN HALF-WAY TO NEXT BASE, THAT BASE IS AWARDED TO THE RUNNER.
- C. IF NOT THE RUNNER GOES TO LAST ATTAINED BASE.

YOU CAN ONLY ADVANCE ONE BASE ON OVERTHROWS TO FIRST AND THIRD BASE ON FIELD #1 & #2.

IF THE BALL IS HIT TO THE OUTFIELD, IT HAS TO BE THROWN BACK TO AN INFIELDER IN THE BROWN AREA OF FIELD #3 OR THE GREEN TURF INFIELD

AREA ON FIELD #1 & 2. AT THAT POINT THE DELAYED DEAD BALL IS IN EFFECT.

10) HOME TEAM: COIN TOSS FOR POOL PLAY GAMES, HIGHER SEED FOR SEEDED GAMES. CRITERIA FOR SEEDING TEAMS:

- 1) Best record
- 2) Head to head
- 3) Least runs allowed
- 4) Run differential (max 8)
- 5) Coin toss

11) AWARDS: AWARDS FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE ONLY.

12) PLAYER/COACH EJECTIONS: IF UMPIRE EJECTS ANY COACH OR PLAYER THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE GROUNDS AT LENZ FIELD & SPORTS COMPLEX LLC. ANY COACH EJECTED FROM A GAME MUST SIT OUT THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME. PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY THE NEXT GAME.

13) PROTESTS: NO PROTEST ALLOWED. UMPIRES CALLS ARE FINAL. SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

14) BASE LENGTHS: 60 FEET

15) ON DECK: ON DECK HITTERS SHOULD STAND ON THE OUTFIELD SIDE OF THE COACHES BOX. PLAYERS NOT ON DECK MUST BE IN THE DUG OUT WITH THE GATES CLOSED.

16) LIGHTNING: IF LIGHTNING IS SEEN PLAY WILL BE STOPPED FOR 20 MINUTES FROM THE LAST SIGHT OF LIGHTNING. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHOULD MAKE DECISION ON WHETHER TO FINISH GAMES OR NOT. NOTE: IF GAMES IS SUSPENDED AND THEN RESUMED THE GAME TIME LIMIT IS STILL IN EFFECT. NOTE: LIGHTNING CAN TRAVEL UP TO 10 MILES - SAFETY SHOULD ALWAYS BE OUR #1 CONCERN. 3 INNINGS COMPLETED CONSTITUTES A COMPLETED GAME.

17) COURTESY RUNNERS: YOU CAN USE COURTESY RUNNER FOR CATCHERS.. THIS IS NOT MANDATORY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITS ON GAMES IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR YOUR CATCHER WITH 2 OUTS. COURTESY RUNNER MUST BE LAST BATTED OUT.

19) RE-ENTRY: THERE IS FREE SUBSTITUTION FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.

20) TEAMS MUST PROVIDE A VOLUNTEER TO EITHER ANNOUNCE THE GAME OR RUN THE SCOREBOARD ON FIELD #1 & LENZ FIELD.

21) \*\*\*\*\* ONLY ADULTS CAN GET FOUL BALLS HIT ONTO THE RAILROAD TRACKS AT THE ORIGINAL LENZ FIELD! NO KIDS ALLOWED.

22) NO INFIELD BEFORE GAMES.

24) NO WALK IN FOOD OR DRINKS.

25) YOU CANNOT RUN ON DROPPED 5TH STRIKE. EACH TEAM HAS OPTION

OF PUTTING A CATCHER IN GEAR BEHIND HOME PLATE OR HAVING THEIR CATCHER STAND BEHIND THE HITTER NEAR THE BACK STOP TO ACT AS CATCHER ON PLAYS AT THE PLATE AND POP UPS. EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE AN ASSISTANT COACH BEHIND THE CATCHERS AREA TO HELP SPEED THE GAMES UP.

26) ELIGIBILITY: ANY PLAYER THAT WAS 8 YEARS OLD OR LESS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 2010 IS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY.

27) IF THE BATTED BALL HITS THE MACHINE IT IS PLAYED LIVE. IF IT IS STUCK UNDER THE MACHINE OR THE UMPIRE FEELS THAT FIELDING THE BALL PUTS PLAYER IN DANGER, THEN PLAY IS DEAD AND BATTER IS AWARDED FIRST BASE.

28) NO INFIELD FLY RULE

29) SLIDE RULE IS IN EFFECT. RUNNERS MUST SLIDE TO AVOID CONTACT ON PLAYS WHERE A TAG MAY OCCUR.

30) NO INTENTIONAL WALKS

31) DEFENSIVE PITCHER MUST WEAR HELMET AND IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A HELMET WITH A MASK.

32) MACHINE WILL BE SET AT 40-42 MPH, THROWING FROM 42 FEET.

33) ON FIELD #3, IF THE BALL HITS THE NET IN LEFT FIELD IT IS A HOME RUN.

34) DISRESPECT FOR THE GAME: A TEAM CAUGHT INTENTIONALLY GIVING UP RUNS, LOSING ON PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE PLAYING THE GAME TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF POOL PLAY OR THE FINALS IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER TEAM SHALL BE DISMISSED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND REPORTED TO THEIR LEAGUE AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE SANCTIONING BODY. THE DISMISSED TEAMS WON/LOST RECORD SHALL STAND, AND THE TEAMS SEEDED BELOW THEM WILL ALL MOVE UP AND PLAY, IF QUALIFIED, BASED ON TOURNAMENT SEEDING RULES AND TIE-BREAKERS.

35) PITCHER MUST STAND BETWEEN 2 AND 5 FT BEHIND THE BROWN AREA AND TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT OF THE MACHINE BY 1-2 FT.