

Rules for 2012 Dell Rapids Coach Pitch

1. Coach Pitch is designed to be fun for the kids. It is a way for the kids to learn the fundamentals of the game and gain experience in baseball.
2. It should be fun for everyone: kids, coaches, and parents.
3. Because this is a learning tool and not a competitive tool of baseball, there will be no score.
4. 3 innings or 1 hour whichever comes first!!!!!!!!!!
5. Every kid will bat every inning.
 - a. You should rotate your batting order so that they get a different chance to bat in different situations.
 - b. Every kid will get five chances to hit the ball pitched to them from his coach. If the child fails to hit then a tee will be brought out so the child can hit off the tee. These guidelines need to be followed so that every kid will get more than one opportunity to bat in a game.
 - c. **Coaches pitch from a knee-please, this helps with the kids seeing the ball at their height.**
6. Because every kid will hit every inning, we will not count outs. The half of the inning ends when all the kids hit. However, if a kid is out on the bases they need to come back to the dugout. Kids need to learn that once they are out that they no longer get to continue running. The last child to bat in his half of the inning continues to run all around the bases until he is out. Other than that situation kids should run the bases as permits, depending on their hit.
7. Kids should get the opportunity to get to play outfield and infield every game and to be the catcher at least once during the season. Please rotate your kids between infield and outfield when at all possible. Only 9 kids will be able to play the field during your half inning in the field. However, if only 10 kids show up for your game, we do not want a child to be left out, then please play 4 outfielders.
8. When your kids are in the field, please have 2 coaches (or parents) out there with them. When batting, you should have one coach pitching (on a knee) and one behind the catcher to help the batter and stop balls from getting away from the catcher.
9. HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have any questions Jody Schumaker or Bill Goeken will be around to answer questions.