

# **KVL MACHINE PITCH RULES**

## **7-8 BOYS & 7-8 GIRLS**

**Revised 5-17-18**

**SPECIAL RULE:** If a batted ball hits the pitching machine, coach, or deflects off of a player and stops inside the circle around the machine, play will be stopped, and a single will be awarded to the batter. Any players on base advances 1 base **ONLY IF FORCED TO ADVANCE**.

**MACHINE SETTINGS:** Machine will be set at 38', and between the range of 28-32MPH

**AGE RESTRICTION:** Boys/girls in this league cannot be 9 before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the season in progress.

**TIME-LIMIT:** Game duration will be 75 minutes of elapsed playing time, **DROP DEAD**. 45 minutes of elapsed playing time will constitute a complete game if play is stopped for any reason. Game ends immediately upon reaching the 75 minute time limit. In-progress innings will NOT be completed, regardless of game situation.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** A team will consist of 10 players-**SIX PLAYERS IN THE INFIELD AND FOUR PLAYERS IN THE OUTFIELD BEYOND THE 10 FT. ARC**. A 10 ft. arc will be placed behind each base, or at the discretion of the umpire. All outfielders must start behind this arc. A team must have at least 6 players by game time or forfeit. There will be no automatic out for teams playing with 6, 7, 8, or 9 players.

**CIRCLE BASE AND PITCHING DISTANCES:** A 4-foot diameter circle will be marked around the pitching machine. Bases will be 55 feet and the machine will be set at 38 feet.

**BATTING:** Each team will list all players in the scorebook. The batting order includes all players. Three outs or 5 runs scored constitute a half -inning. There will be an 8' arc in front of home plate. If a batted ball remains inside the 8' arc, the ball is foul.

**RUN SPREAD:** There will be NO run spread at any time during the game.

**BASE RUNNING:** Once a batted ball that leaves the infield has returned to the infield (direct line that connects each base in succession), the halfway rule will be applied. If a batted ball stays within the infield, then only 1 base from the time of the pitch will be allowed for ALL runners. Half-way rule: At the time the ball returns to the infield, a base runner that has passed the ½ way mark may proceed to the next base. If the runner has not reached the ½ way mark, the runner **MUST** return to the previously touched base.

**OVER-THROWS:** **NO batter or base runner shall advance on ANY overthrow, whether the throw is to a base or to the pitcher. The half-way rule takes effect when the ball passes by/over/around the intended target of the throw, not when the ball leaves the thrower's hand.**

**INFIELD FLY RULE:** No infield fly rule in effect.

**WALKS:** There will be no walks. An at-bat will consist of **FIVE pitches** to the batter or a strikeout, whichever occurs first. A foul on the third strike is not considered an out and the batter will continue to bat. If the batter fouls off **the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch**, the batter will get an additional pitch. If they continue to foul off each additional pitch, they will continue their at-bat until they hit the ball, swing and miss at a pitch or let a pitch go by.

**BUNT:** No bunting or slug bunting is permitted. Batter must take a full swing.

**FIELDING BALLS:** An attempt must be made to throw the ball to a base and not roll the ball on the ground.

**FREE SUBSTITUTION:** All players may re-enter the game while his team is in the field.

**COACHES:** 1 - pitching coach, 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> base coach and 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach for the batting team. **The defensive team can have two coaches in the outfield, along with 1 coach behind home plate to assist the catcher.**

Negative chanting or bantering by players, coaches or spectators directed towards opposing team/players; including player position, calling out player numbers or player names will not be tolerated. Positive cheering of own team and players is encouraged. **PENALTY: One warning per game, second infraction coach ejected, third infraction game forfeited.**

Any rules not covered in the above shall fall under the general rule written by the League and rules which will be under the jurisdiction of the home field Director.