

## 2011 PYBA Pitching Machine League Rules

The pitching machine will be set to deliver the pitch at 40 miles per hour out of the machine

The batter, on-deck batter, base runner, and pitcher must wear a protective helmet, equipped with a face guard and chin strap

The catcher must wear complete catching equipment, which includes a protective cup. He must be in the squat position when the ball is pitched. A catcher may use a fielder's glove or catcher's mitt

Games will be a minimum of 4 innings with a complete game being 6 innings. The time limit is 1 hour and 15 minutes

A game will be a forfeit if a team cannot field nine (9) players within 15 minutes after game time. A team can begin a game with (8) players and one (1) six year old tee ball player may be used to reach the minimum number of required players

The first three (3) innings will have a three run limit. No run limit for innings 4-6. Ten run mercy rule after 4 innings

Eleven players will be played in the field, which includes 6 infielders and 5 outfielders. Free defensive substitution

All outfielders must be equally spaced and equal distance from home plate

All players must play at least six (6) defensive outs - penalty is a forfeit of game

All players on a team roster will bat in a continuous batting order. Any players arriving late will be added to the end of the batting order

The batter will be allowed five pitches or three strikes (swings). He will be called out after the fifth pitch. A foul on the last pitch shall not count unless a foul fly is caught for an out

Walks are not allowed

The machine coach may not coach the batter or runner - his job is to feed the machine. After one warning, the machine coach will be moved to the dugout for the remainder of the game

When the ball is hit into fair play (live ball), the coach pitcher shall exit the playing field behind the runner or away from any play on the field to avoid interference

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If a batted ball hits the pitching machine (or cord), the ball is dead. The batter is awarded first base and any forced runners will be awarded one bag

If a batted ball hits the coach pitcher, the ball is dead and shall be counted as a no pitch

If a thrown ball (live ball) hits the pitching machine (or cord), the ball is dead. All runners, including the batter, will be allowed to advance to the bag they were attempting

If in the opinion of the umpire, the batter slings or throws his bat in an unsafe manner, he will be called out, after one (1) team warning

The infield fly rule will not be applied

Bunting is not allowed

Stealing is not allowed

A runner is out if he attempts a head-first slide, while trying to reach the next base. A dive or attempt to return to a base is permitted

A runner is out if he does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make a tag

The player pitcher must have one foot inside the 12' pitching area circle and not be closer to the batter than even with the pitching rubber. He shall not leave the circle until the ball is hit. Penalty - the offensive coach has the option of accepting a hit or taking a no pitch

No play is dead until the player pitcher has control of the ball inside the circle or the umpire calls time out when a runner is forced to stop and return to a base under the threat of making an out. If a runner has passed a base when the pitcher gains control of the ball in the circle and does not stop, he may advance to the next base at his own risk.

While the ball is live, replacing a fielder/position with another fielder on a regular basis is not permitted

All rules not covered above will be covered by the official District 8 Dixie Youth Pitching Machine Rules & Regulations

In order to protest a game, you must let the umpire know you are protesting the game and it should be noted in the official score book. You must submit your protest in writing within 24 hours and include a \$25 protest fee. If you win your protest, the \$25 will be refunded back to you. If you lose your protest, the \$25 will be donated to the Dixie Scholarship Fund for boys and girls