



## Minor League

New Galva Coach Pitch with Tee Rescue

Ages 4 to 6

Age cut off date is April 1st

### 1. Defense

- a. Adult coaches are allowed on the field when their team is in the field. To speed up the game, it is recommended that an adult be stationed behind the catcher to assist in ball retrieval.
- b. No more than 2 players may play the pitching position at a time and must be even with the pitching rubber until the ball is hit
- c. All players participate in the field each inning.
- d. Players should stay out of the baseline to try and avoid any injuries
- e. If a batted ball hits the coach (pitcher), it will be a dead ball and the batter will resume last ball count

### 2. Offense

- a. A team batting order will be used. Every player attending the game will be listed on the team batting order and will bat when his/her turn comes. The first batter in the batting order will not come to bat again until all the players attending the game have batted.
- b. Any player who arrives at the game after it starts, goes to the bottom of the

batting order. Should a player arrive after a game starts and should the game end before the player has had a turn to bat, the player should be allowed to bat once before declaring the game over.

- c. Players must wear helmets when batting or while on base. Ballcaps should be worn under helmets if helmet is being shared.
- d. Coaches pitch to their team. The coach can pitch from any distance so as to allow the batter to hit the ball. The coach may pitch overhand (boys) or underhanded (girls).
- e. After 3 swings or 7 pitches, the batter will hit off the tee. No walks and no bunting.
- f. Ball must be at least 10 feet away from home plate to be a live ball, otherwise batter bats again from last ball count.
- g. Players may advance a maximum of two bases during a single at bat **unless** the ball is hit into the outfield (reaches the outfield grass) **without** touching the infield diamond (pop fly) then the runners may advance until the ball is returned to the infield. A ball is returned to the infield when (a) a fielder carries the ball from the outfield grass to the infield diamond or (b) the ball is in control by any player in the infield diamond.
- h. Only 1 base on an overthrow
- i. No stealing
- j. All runners must slide on close plays.
- k. Offensive team bats until there are 3 outs or they score 5 runs in an inning.
- l. All games are 5 innings or 1 hour in length. No inning starts after 50 minutes of play.
- m. Coaching the bases may be done by adults so long as they remain off the field of play. There should be at least 1 coach (or parent) present on the bench/dugout at all times to help and supervise safety.
- n. Thrown bat: If a bat is thrown for any reason except an accidental slip while swinging at a pitched ball, the coach shall issue 1 warning per player. On any subsequent offense, the batter will be called out Other
- o. The home team will use the 1st base benches
- p. No infield fly rule.
- q. Fifty (50) foot bases.

- r. Coaches need to keep score and record wins and losses.
- s. Minimum number of players on a roster is 7, if less than 7 players then players may be used from other teams so long as coaches from both playing teams agree on the player(s)
- t. Coaches are asked to help prepare the field and take down the field if needed by GYSA. Field time use is limited, so helping with setting up and taking down allows for more playing time for all teams.

### **3. Conduct**

#### **a. Coaches**

- i. Use of alcohol, profanity or any type of tobacco use shall not be permitted on or around any fields of play at a GYSA event or practice.
- ii. Harassment of Coaches and Players by Coaches is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from the game and/or the playing area. If a Coach, is asked to leave the playing area by a GYSA official and refuses the game shall be halted until the Coach complies.
- iii. Head Coaches are responsible for but not limited to:
  - 1. The conduct of their Assistant Coaches, Players, Players Parents, and Spectators.
  - 2. Keeping parents and spectators off the field of play, including dugouts. If necessary, Coaches shall solicit the assistance of the parents if needed.
- iv. Coaches may not converse with the opposing team's players, or yell out, in a manner in which may tend to harass, intimidate, confuse, distract or pressure the opposing team's players. If a coach deems that a player is continually causing problems or has committed an action that he feels requires disciplinary action, he shall inform the GYSA board at which the board will take disciplinary action if needed.
- v. Coaches shall inform all players of practice and games or rescheduled games in a timely manner, so that all players have the opportunity of attending.

#### **b. Players**

- i. Players shall show respect for, be considerate of, and display a

positive attitude towards teammates, Coaches, opposing players and parents. Harassment of teammates, Coaches, and opposing players is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

- ii. Players are expected to participate and be on time to every practice and game as to the best of their ability. If a player is unable to attend, parents shall call their Coach at least two hours prior to the start of a game or practice to inform them.
  - iii. Players must wear their complete uniform; shirt and hats to all games.
  - iv. Players must remain in the dugout if not playing defense or batting. All players batting or in the on-deck circle shall wear protective batting helmet.
- c. Parents
- i. Use of alcohol, profanity or any type of tobacco use shall not be permitted on or around any fields of play at a GYSA event or practice.
  - ii. Harassment of Coaches and players by parents is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from the game and/or the playing area. If a parent is asked to leave the playing area by a GYSA Official and refuses, the game shall be halted until the parent complies.