**IBERVILLE PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT**

**COACHES PITCH RULES**

**5 & 6-YEAR-OLD BOYS AND GIRLS**

1. All games will be four (4) innings and/or a one-hour drop-dead time limit.
2. Three (3) outs constitutes a half (1/2) inning or a maximum of seven (7) runs will constitute a half (1/2) inning. After seven (7) runs are scored, regardless of the number of outs, the other team comes in to bat.
3. The bases will be 55 feet in length. A soft RIF ball will be used for boys and an 11” ball used for girls.
4. No bunting will be allowed.
5. All teams will play a total of ten (10) on defense. All teams must use four (4) outfielders. No Catcher. Two pitchers, one on each side of the designated pitcher. Note: Safety Arc: There shall be a thirty (30) foot arc drawn from first (1st) baseline to third (3rd) baseline in front of home plate. Infielders must stay behind this line until the ball is hit.
6. On offense- all players must be listed in the batting order. YOU MUST BAT YOUR ENTIRE BATTING ORDER.
7. NO WALKS. A player batting will either hit the ball or strike out. Six pitches or three swinging strikes will constitute a player being called out.
8. One (1) base will be awarded on all overthrows. (Umpire Rule)
9. Umpires shall call “Time” after every play and declare the ball dead. “Time” shall be called as soon as all the runners are not attempting to advance. “Time” does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule.
10. Batted balls that hit the designated pitcher will be declared dead. Batter will be awarded 1st base.
11. NO infield fly rule.
12. NO stealing. Runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate or is hit.
13. Coaches: on offense a 1st base and a 3rd base coach ONLY allowed on the field. On defense, one coach is allowed out of the dugout against the fence to help for defensive purposes.
14. You may play with less than ten (10) players ~ No forfeits
15. No league standings will be kept.
16. All umpire calls and decisions are final. No arguing allowed by the coaches.
17. ***THIS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE LET’S KEEP IT THAT WAY!***