

LEAGUE OVERVIEW

Our league offers young boys and girls the opportunity to spend many years in our program. Although skills and competition increase as players advance through the system, the focus at all levels is on learning, playing and having fun. Continuous batting orders are used and all players must play a minimum number of innings in the field. Although we base our rules on National Federation of High School standards, there are modifications for each league to provide a careful evolution and recreational focus as summarized below:

Tee-Ball	No scores or standings are kept, ten players bat each inning regardless of outs and ten defensive players with coaches in the field for instruction.
Coach-Pitch	Coaches pitch to their own team, scores and standings are kept but not emphasized, batters receive up to 7 pitches but there are no walks. Ten fielders are used with coaches teaching from the field. Fielders must play 3 innings and must play infield and outfield.
Green Hat	Players are pitching, bunting and stealing (see specific rules). Baseball and Softball teams begin draft selection process and play with 9 players in the field.
Red Hat	Competition increases but focus on instruction continues. Stealing of all bases is allowed and dropped 3rd strike is introduced. In baseball, field size increases and limited balk rules added.
Blue Hat	Generally a middle school age league, certified OHSAA umpires are used, pitchers can pitch complete games. ³ In baseball, field size increases and lead-offs are allowed.
Black Hat	Generally high school girls and boys (18-year-olds must be in high school) playing on full size fields. Girls play with Columbus area teams requiring travel for away games and tournament games. Home games are played in Westerville.

BASEBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY LEAGUE

	Baselines	Pitching Distance	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/ game ²	IP/ week ²
Tee-Ball	45'	n/a	4	5-6	TuWTh	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Coach-Pitch B	60'	36'	6	7	MWF	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Coach-Pitch A	60'	46'	6	8	MWF	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Green Hat	60'	46'	6	9-10	MWF	League	Paid/Trained	3	6
Red Hat	70'	50'	6	11-12	TuWTh	League	Paid/Trained	4	6
Blue Hat	80'	54'	7	13-14	MWF	League	Certified	7 ³	n/a ³
Black Hat	90'	60' 6"	7	15-18	TuWTh	League	Certified	7 ³	n/a ³

SOFTBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY LEAGUE

	Baselines	Pitching Distance	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/ game ²	IP/ week ²
Tee Ball	45'	n/a	4	5-6	TuWTh	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Coach-Pitch	50'	30'	6	7-8	MWF	11" RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Green Hat	60'	35'	6	9-10	MWF	11"	Paid/Trained	3	n/a
Red Hat	60'	40'	6	11-12	TuWTh	12"	Paid/Trained	4	n/a
Blue Hat	60'	40'	7	13-15	TuWTh	12"	Certified	7	n/a
Black Hat	60'	43'	7	16-18	MTuSa	12"	Certified	7	n/a

¹Reduced Injury Factor Ball

²Innings pitched limits

³Pitch count applies