

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 fun. Continuous batting orders are used and all players must play a minimum number of innings in the field. And, 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. Players placed in different field positions each inning.
Coach-Pitch	Coaches pitch to their own team, scores and standings are kept but not emphasized, batters receive up to 7 pitches, there are no walks. Ten fielders are used with coaches teaching from the field. Fielders must play 3 defensive innings and must play both infield and outfield.
Green Hat	Players are pitching, bunting and stealing (see specific rules). Baseball teams play with 9 players in the field and pitching in baseball and softball is limited to 3 innings per game.
Red Hat	Competition increases but focus on instruction continues. Stealing of all bases is allowed and dropped 3rd strike is introduced. Limited balk rules in baseball.
Blue Hat	Generally a middle school age league, certified OHSAA umpires are used, pitchers can pitch complete games. In baseball, field size increases and lead-offs are allowed.
Black Hat	For baseball, generally high school young men playing on "major league" field size. Seventeen year olds must be full-time, high school students during the season.

BOYS' BASEBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY LEAGUE

	Baselines	Pitching Distance	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/ game ²	IP/ week ²
Co-Ed Tee-Ball	45'	n/a	5	4-5	WSa	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Coach-Pitch B	60'	36'	6	6	TuWSa	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Coach-Pitch A	60'	46'	6	7	TuWSa	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Green Hat	60'	46'	6	8-9	TuWSa	League	Paid/Trained	3	6
Red Hat	70'	50'	6	10-11	TuThSa	League	Paid/Trained	6	6
Blue Hat	80'	54'	7	12-13	TuThSa	League	Certified	7 ³	n/a ³
Black Hat	90'	60' 6"	7	14-17	MTuWThSa	League	Certified	7 ³	n/a ³

GIRLS' SOFTBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY LEAGUE

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

¹Reduced Injury Factor

² Innings Pitched Limits

³ Pitch Count Applies