

**North Logan & Hyde Park**  
**2021 Coach Pitch/PonyTail**  
*7 & 8 Year Olds*

Rules / Guidelines

1. **Goals of the Game:** Have fun, Instruction and development, simulate baseball environment, maximize amount of active play.
2. **Game Length & Field Set up:** Game length is 1 hour – Bases are set at 50 feet. Each team should bat around once or twice.
3. **Innings:** Half innings are complete by 3 outs or 5 runs scored.
4. **Pitching:** The coach will pitch 5 balls
5. **Batters:** All players will be in the batting order and batting order maintained throughout the game.
  - a. Only one batter allowed on field. No on deck batters with a bat. We want to avoid accidents.
  - b. Batter is given a maximum of 5 pitches. After 5 pitches, batter is considered an out. Do not exceed 5 pitches for the sake of all players. Even if the last pitch is fouled. **(This is a MUST!)**
  - c. There is no bunting in this league.
  - d. Batters and runners must wear protective helmets.
6. **Field Play:** There will be no more than 10 players on the field for defense. Players must be in legitimate play positions. If you do have more than 10 players you can choose to put them all on the field. Each member of the team should receive equal playing time and play in each game.
7. **Coaching:** Coaching will take place from the sideline except for the pitching coach. You will be pitching to your own team. The pitching coach must stay in the pitching area. A batter or runner will be declared out if the coach interferes with a play or is struck by the ball.
8. **Base Running / Stealing:** There is no stealing. A batter may advance bases once the ball is hit, but can only advance one extra base once the defense has control of the ball in the infield. This rule also applies to runners already on base. Only advance one base on an over thrown ball. No leading off until ball crosses the plate.
9. **Umpires:** No umpires will be provided. The pitching coach will call the bases. There are no walks (base on balls).
10. In the case of inclement weather, we will have a coordinator on site to help determine games are cancelled do to lightning. Absolutely no games should be played, or continue to be played if lightning is in the area