

## **KAA 8U Softball Machine Pitch Specific Rules**

- 1. Pitching Machine-** Each team will furnish a coach, or other responsible adult, to operate pitching machine, while their team is batting. Both teams can also agree to have the same person operate the pitching machine, if they choose. The pitching machine operator will place the ball into the machine. The balls will be the Jugs Softie 11". One ball will be provided by each team. There are no walks. The player remains batting until she gets a hit or strikes out after 5 pitches. If the batter fouls the 5<sup>th</sup> or additional pitches, she keeps batting until she either gets a hit or strikes out. If the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is unhittable, 1 more pitch will be allowed at the machine operator's discretion.
- 2. Stealing/Lead-offs-**No stealing of bases is allowed. The base runner can take a leadoff after the ball crosses the plate. Obviously, there is no infield fly rule, as well.
- 3. Run Rules-**Limit of 5 runs scored each ½ inning. There is NO run-ahead (mercy) rule. All games will play 7 innings or until time expires.
- 4. Game Time-**Games will be limited to 1 hour and 20 minutes. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- 5. Coaches in the Field-**Teams are permitted 2 coaches on the field defensively, to help instruct the girls. These coaches are not allowed to actually field a hit or thrown ball. When on offense, a team is allowed the 2 base coaches, and also a coach near the on-deck circle, to help the player currently batting.
- 6. Ball in Play/Dead Ball-**After a ball is hit, the ball remains in play until it is returned to the infield. The ball must be in possession of an infielder for the play to be considered over. At that point runners will go to the nearest base.
- 7. Players in the Field-**Teams will bat their entire roster. Teams can field up to 10 players on defense. The 10<sup>th</sup> defensive player must play in the outfield.
- 8. Ball Contacting the Pitching Machine-**A batted or thrown ball that contacts the pitching machine will be declared a dead ball. The batter-runner and base runners will be allowed, in the machine operator's judgment, to advance to the base they were advancing to at the time the ball became dead without liability of being put out.
- 9. Getting the Pitching Machine-**Pitching machine will be setup in advance of games, and returned to storage after games, by KAA staff. Coaches are responsible for operating the pitching machine in a safe and proper manner.

**This is a FUN & INSTRUCTIONAL 8u softball league. It is NOT a competitive league. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. Please ENJOY teaching these youngsters some fundamentals, etiquette, and sportsmanship.**