

**HYR Baseball – Summer, 2018**  
**Division 2 – Coach-Pitch Baseball (Co-ed, 6-7)**

The goal of HYR is both to develop playing skills and to have fun. We hope to instill healthy attitudes of team spirit, cooperation and teamwork, as well as to build self-esteem. Winning is not the point. The following rules have been established to help foster HYR's philosophy.

1. Games must start on time and last no more than 1 hour and 5 minutes. No inning may begin after 60 minutes of play.
2. The coach or a parent will pitch to their own team unless agreed upon before the game between the two opposing coaches to have a designated pitcher (who can pitch well) for both teams. The adult who pitches is to pitch overhand or underhand according to the wishes of the batter. The distance is variable. The point is that we want the child to experience success.
3. An adult will catch for the pitcher and is not to make defensive plays at the plate. That responsibility -- of making plays at the plate -- is one of the players playing in the pitcher's position.
4. All players should play all positions during the course of the season. The entire roster may play in the field. When in the field a team may have six players in the infield: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, shortstop, and two players to either side of the pitcher. The remaining players must be in the outfield. No player may play the same position for more than two innings in one game.
5. When batting, the inning is over either when there are 3 outs or when the maximum number of batters in an inning equals the number of players on the team with the higher roster. Batters and base runners must wear helmets.
6. The bat must be dropped after getting a hit. A thrown bat is an out.
7. To give kids a chance and to keep the game moving, there will be 7 pitches per batter (if necessary). Only if the batter fouls off the seventh pitch can s/he receive an eighth pitch. If they do not swing at the seventh pitch, they are out. Generally speaking, coaches should encourage the kids to swing since we are not counting strikes. Note: if a child strikes out, it will not be considered an out against the team.
8. The team up to bat should provide a first base coach and third base coach. The first base coach will call the plays at first and second base. The third base coach will call the plays at third. The adult catching for the pitcher will call the plays at home. There should be no adults in the field.
9. Runners are to stop advancing once a player has the ball at any base or the pitcher has the ball. On overthrows at first or third, when the ball leaves the playing area, each runner shall get the base they are running to plus one additional base. There are no leads. A runner can't run until the ball is hit.
10. There is no stealing or bunting.
11. Good sportsmanship by players, coaches, and parents is expected at all times.
12. The school grounds must be kept free of trash, cans, food, etc. at all times. Water should be brought to all practices and games.
13. If you have any questions, please call the director Patrick Fitzgerald: 502.671.9701