

# 2024 COACH PITCH GAMEPLAY INFO

## SEASON:

- JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>
- 8 GAMES: Tuesday evenings and Thursday evenings
- 4-6 PRACTICES: Determined by team Coaches
- VINEYARD GROVE PARK: 350 N 100 E, Vineyard
- All schedules can be found online: [www.quickscores.com/vineyardutah](http://www.quickscores.com/vineyardutah)

## ROSTERS:

- 9 PLAYERS MAX PER TEAM
- Kindergarten 8 Teams: (Yankees, Red Sox, Pirates, Cardinals, Rockies, Giants, Cubs, & D- Backs)
  - Child must be in kindergarten as of 2023-2024 School year, or 5yr old by June 13<sup>th</sup> with Parent willing to coach with Vineyard Rex approval.

## FIELD SIZE:

- 60' Baseline Distance with 30' defensive arc (defense must start behind the defensive arc)

## GAMETIME:

- Games are to start at scheduled game time.
- The Site Supervisor is to check in with each game's Coaches prior to gametime to ensure Coaches have the necessary equipment.
- A coach from the HOME team is to umpire.
- Each game is to consist of 3 full innings. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning is complete, the game is over.
- The AWAY team should bat first (as designated on game schedule)
- There are to be yard signs at Grove Park to designate each Field #.

## OFFENSE:

- Only one player is allowed in the batter's box at any given time. All other players should wait BEHIND the field backstop for their turn to bat.
- Please have batter **wear a helmet when up to bat.**
- The batting team's Coach is to pitch to the batter (underhand or overhand).
- Each batter is allowed 5 TOTAL pitches from the Coach. If batter doesn't hit any of those 5 strikes into fair play (between bases), then the player is to hit the ball off of a tee.
- After baseball is hit, the batter should drop the bat before running to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
- Only baseballs hit in fair play are playable (between bases). If a foul ball is hit, please have the batter hit again.
- After the baseball is hit by the batter and a player on defense picks up the ball, the batter should remain at the base he/she is nearest to (don't keep running the bases). However, after the last batter on the team hits the ball, he/she and all the runners on base should run all the bases until home plate.
- Outs are to be enforced! Coaches, this is your responsibility. However, 3 outs will not designate the defense switching to offense. Each child on team is to be allowed the opportunity to bat each inning.
- No score is to be kept.

### **WHAT CONSTITUTES AN OUT:**

- FLY OUT: A player catches a hit ball before the baseball hits the ground.
- FORCE OUT: A batter touches any base with the baseball in hand before the runner gets to it (if the runner is forced – meaning he/she must run to the next base because a new runner/batter must occupy their base). If a player isn't forced, he/she must be tagged to be called out.
- TAG OUT: When a defensive player tags the batter or any base runner with hit baseball while not on a base.
- DEAD BALL OUT: A base runner comes in contact with a hit baseball while running bases. The play is over and base runners should not advance an additional base.
- Any player that gets called out should not run the remainder of the bases.
- NO STRIKE OUTS.

### **TAG-UP RULE:**

- If a fielder catches a hit baseball (before it hits the ground), all base runners must touch the base they were previously at before advancing to the next base. A player that fails to do so, can be called out if the defense touches the previously occupied base with the baseball in hand.

### **DEFENSE:**

- After each player on a team has the opportunity to bat, the hitting team is to switch to defense & the team on defense is to then bat.
- For defense, the team should spread out amidst positions (Pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, Shortstop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, left field, center field, and right field). Please have players on team switch up defensive positions every inning.
- There is never to be a player behind Homeplate as Catcher.
- All defensive players need to start behind the 30' defensive arc before ball is hit.

### **ADDITIONAL RULES:**

- Each player is to provide his/her own baseball mitt/glove.
- Cleats are not required. If players do wear cleats, they should not have metal spikes.
- Please change the batting order each inning.
- Players must drop the bat immediately after hitting the ball.
- Please do not add a player to your team without first getting permission from Vineyard Rec Staff.
- Each player must wear his/her team jersey at each game. Otherwise, he/she may be asked by the Site Supervisor not to participate.

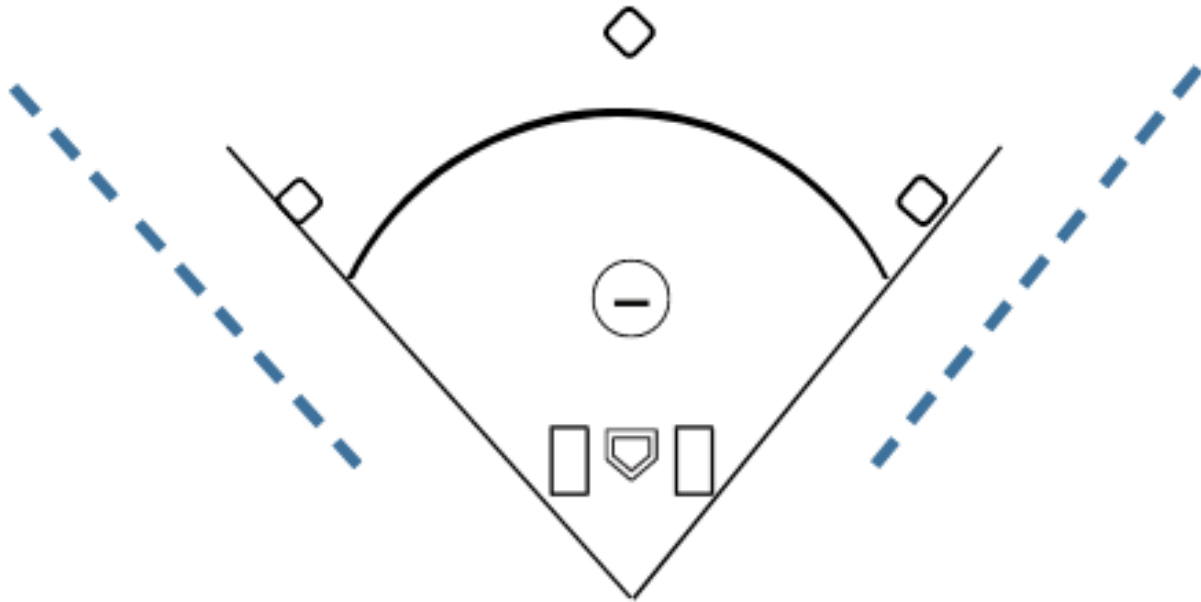
### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Vineyard Recreation is to provide bases, backstops, 4 helmets, and a tee (if needed) for each season game.
- A Coach on each team is to receive the following from Vineyard Recreation:
  - 1 baseball bat – 25" & 13 oz. (-12)
  - 1 helmet
  - 10 baseballs
  - 1 mesh bag

**\*Coaches, please bring your bat and baseballs to utilize at each season game & turn in all equipment immediately following your team's last season game to the Site Supervisor\***

**GAME CANCELLATIONS/MAKE-UP GAME DAYS:**

Games are to be cancelled by Vineyard’s Rec Coordinator for inclement weather. Inclement weather may include: lightning, severe temperatures, poor air quality, and any other unsafe environment conditions. Game cancellation(s) are to be determined by 4pm on gamedays. We encourage parents and coaches to call the Vineyard Recreation Rain-out Hotline after 4pm: **801-226-1929, extension 9**. If games are cancelled, a parent/guardian of each league participant is to receive a text message or email from Vineyard’s Recreation Department. Games may still be cancelled at the fields if deemed necessary by recreation staff. If 2 full innings of a game have been played, prior to games being cancelled, that game is not to be rescheduled. Games are ONLY to be rescheduled by Vineyard Recreation Staff.



# VOLUNTEER COACH EXPECTATIONS

As a **HEAD COACH**, you could receive up to a 50% refund on your child's registration by completing the following criteria:

- Pass pre-season coaches survey by **Thursday, June 13th, 2024** (10%)
- Attend & coach at 75% of the assigned team's games (10%)
- Organize & coach at 4 practices on non-game days for your assigned team (10%)
- Submit response to post-season survey by **Monday, August 5th, 2024** (10%)
- The other 10% is automatically received.

As an **ASSISTANT COACH**, you could receive up to a 25% refund on your child's registration completing the following criteria:

- Pass pre-season coaches survey by **Thursday, June 13th, 2024** (5%)
- Attend & coach at 50% of the assigned team's games (5%)
- Organize & coach at 4 practices on non-game days for your assigned team (5%)
- Submit response to post-season survey by **Monday, August 5th, 2024** (5%)
- The other 5% is automatically received.

**\*Coach Refunds are dependent upon returning team equipment by  
Monday, August 5th, 2024\***

Tips for ensuring a successful season:

- Exemplify good sportsmanship.
- Communicate to your team parents frequently.
- Ask for help from your team parents and Vineyard Recreation if needed.
- Make it fun and enjoyable for every player! Please help each player have a positive experience in this league. **DON'T BE ANY KID'S LAST COACH.**
- Be positive and encouraging rather than negative and discouraging.
- Focus on the fundamentals: **Hitting**, Throwing, Catching, Fielding, Running, Positioning, Rules - Resources can be provided by Vineyard Recreation if needed or desired.

**\* If you can't attend a game, please contact the assistant coach to fill the head coaching role. If neither coach can attend, please contact Vineyard Recreation. \***