

## 2025 (4-6) Coach Pitch/Tee-Ball

### Granite Falls League Rules

1. Each head coach and assistant coach must submit and pass a background check before beginning any activities with the team. Call the Recreation Center at (828) 396-1221 when you have assistants who need the link for the background check.

2. No score will be kept. This is an instructional league focusing on teaching players the fundamentals of baseball and softball.

3. Games will consist of 3 innings or 55 minutes. Whichever comes first. A batter up to the plate at 54 minutes or greater will be the last batter of the game.

4. Teams will have up to 12 players. All players will bat each inning as well as play in the field each inning.

5. The batter will receive **3 pitches** per at bat. If they do not put a ball in play, then the tee will be brought out. If they foul off the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch, then they will get another pitch until they put it in play or swing and miss. Coaches are required to get the tee out to the plate and adjust it for each player. Batters must wear a batting helmet.

6. If a defensive play is made and the base runner is called out, that runner must leave the base and return to the dugout. The offensive team will still bat everyone throughout the inning no matter how many players may get out. Coaches are in charge of safe and out calls.

7. Batting lineups can change each inning to allow players to bat in the top and bottom of the order as long as everyone still bats each inning. This is up to each coach.

8. **Base Running:** Runners can only take 1 base if the ball is hit in the infield. If a ball is hit in the outfield, then a player can take as many bases as possible until the ball is in the infield. Once the ball touches the infield dirt, the umpire will call time and the baserunner will advance to the closest base. We will not advance bases due to overthrows or errors. **The last batter of the inning will run until he/she is out or reaches home.**

9. **Defensive positions:** 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, Pitcher, and the rest will be outfielders. **No catcher.** A coach for the offensive team will act as the catcher to help speed up the game. The same coach will also handle the batting tee duties. The pitcher position player must be within 6 feet of the pitching rubber as well as even to or behind it.

10. Defensive players are **not allowed** to play the same position 2 straight innings. This is an instructional league, and all players should get the opportunity to play infield and outfield.

11. There will be 5 coaches allowed per team. The team in the field will have 2 coaches in the outfield to help the players on defense. These coaches must stay in the outfield while play is going on.

The batting team will have 2 base coaches, the coach who is handling the catching and tee duties, the coach who is pitching, and a coach for player control in the dugout.

12. A coach who is thrown out of any game will be suspended for the remainder of the season.