



## North Piedmont Machine Pitch Rules

1. Game length is 5 innings, no time limit. Any games that ends in a tie will be played off later in the season.
2. All players present for the game will be placed in the batting order.
3. 10 players will play defense (four outfielders).
4. No player may sit on the bench 2 innings in a row.
5. If for any reason a player cannot come to bat at his appropriate time, that batter will be declared out and the next player in the lineup placed at the plate.
6. All teams must have a catcher who will take his normal position in full gear.
7. Each batter will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches. If the ball has not been hit into play, the batter is out. If the batter fouls the 5th pitch, he will receive pitches as long as the batter continues to foul the pitch. The strikes and the batter is out. The inning is over when three outs or five runs occur.
8. No bunting, slashing, or stealing is allowed.
9. 60 ft. bases.
10. Pitching machine is placed 45 feet from home plate. The machine speed will be determined at the coaches meeting by the coaches.
11. Offensive coach will feed the machine for his team.
12. The ball will be declared dead when the defensive team stops the lead runner or the lead runner abandons the effort to advance.
13. No infield fly rule.
14. Ten run rule will be in effect after four innings.
15. The pitching machine, when hit by a live ball, is considered an umpire. If hit by a batted ball, the ball is dead, the hitter awarded first and all runners returned the base they occupied before the ball was hit, unless the runners are being forced to the next base.
16. The pitcher shall be positioned within a 10 foot half circle, behind the front of the pitching machine, at the time the ball is released.
17. All outfielders shall be positioned a minimum of 12 feet behind the bases and the base paths.
18. Mandatary runner for the catcher with two outs. The substitute runner will be the player who made the last out.
19. Official game: game is considered final if the losing team has batted three times. If the losing team has not batted three times the game will resume at a later time from the point where the game left off. This is up to the president of the league to make the call if the games needs to resume depending on the standings.
20. Teams may play with 7 players ( 6 players the games will have to be a forfeit) all teams must have a pitcher and catcher on defense at all times no matter the number of players at the game.
21. The Iredell county Babe Ruth Baseball League will follow the major league baseball rule book (major league) except for the rules listed above.