



## DELHI TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COACH PITCH (KINDERGARTEN)

### LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

This program exists to serve the needs of our youth. All involved should be allowed to participate on an equal basis in a low competitive atmosphere. The primary focus should be on individual development (learning all the positions), FUNDamentals and teamwork. The main emphasis is on having fun, involving the family and developing a positive self-image. Good sportsmanship is always expected from the players, coaches and parents.

The Delhi youth leagues are set up for participation and not win - loss records. If a team shows up with less than the required number of players and wishes to play, the game should be played and not ruled a forfeit. It is encouraged that the other team lend a player(s) whenever possible.

### COACH / PLAYER CONDUCT

This is Kindergarten Coach Pitch. Please make sure everyone enjoys the experience.

### SPORTSMANSHIP

To keep up with our recreation philosophy and sportsmanship, shake hands at the end of the game.

### EQUIPMENT

The Delhi Township Parks & Recreation Department will provide all team equipment. Volunteer coaches will be responsible for the care of their equipment. The team equipment will need to be returned promptly at the end of the season, so we can keep our inventory updated.

### PLAYING THE GAME

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES: The home team shall be responsible for providing a volunteer home plate umpire. The home plate umpire will serve as the official timekeeper. The home team will use the first base bench and wear the White Jersey.

VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES: The visiting team shall be responsible for providing a volunteer base umpire. The visiting team will use the third base bench and wear the Green Jersey.

TIME LIMIT: Teams will play for one hour. No new inning shall start after 7:00 p.m. for the first game regardless of starting time. The first game shall end by 7:15 p.m.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS / CATCHER: Every member of the team will play defense each inning. Divide them equally between the outfield and infield. There will be no catcher on the field. A coach or parent will serve as catcher for each team.

BATTING ORDER: FOR EVERY INNING - Each team will bat completely through their batting order. If a player is out they remain on the base. Each player will run the bases and score each inning. Once the last batter runs the bases and scores, team switch sides.

PITCHING / BATTING TEE: Coach delivers no more than 3 pitches to each batter of their own team. If the player does not hit it after 3 pitches then a tee will be used.

HELMETS: Helmets are not worn until 1-2 grade softball & baseball.

BASERUNNING: One base at a time regardless of where the ball is thrown. Get the ball back to the pitcher, so the game may continue.

BACKSTOP: No parents, spectators or coaches allowed behind backstop.

#### UMPIRES

- A) The home plate umpire will keep the official time of the start of the game and determine ground rules (out of play lines).
- C) The home plate umpire will be reminding batters to drop their bat and not throw them after they hit the ball.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER / RAINOUTS

All games must be played on their scheduled dates unless weather or conditions of the playing field warrant postponement. Coaches call Sports Info. Number 694-3433 at 4:30 p.m. or visit [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) to find out status of games.

#### RESCHEDULING

The Parks & Recreation Department may reschedule all postponed games based on availability. The Parks & Recreation Department will notify coaches regarding the make-up date.

#### UNIFORMS/ATTIRE

Home team listed first on schedule wears the white jersey and visiting team wears green jersey. Shorts are permitted; however the Delhi Parks & Recreation Department strongly encourage long pants as a safety precaution. Tennis shoes or rubber cleats are allowed.