

# **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Keilani Ricketts Classic 2024**

## **8u Division Tournament Rules Modifications**

### **1. Pitching:**

- a. No walks are allowed, after 4 balls, coach pitch.
- b. The batting team will supply a coach pitcher.
- c. The coach pitcher must be in contact with the pitching plate when the pitching motion is started and when the pitch is delivered.
- d. When a coach pitcher is pitching, the player pitcher must have at least one foot within the pitcher's circle when the pitch is released.
- e. Strike count remains.
- f. Coach continues to pitch to batter until:
  - i. Ball is hit fair
  - ii. Batter strikes out swinging
    - 1. No called strikes are allowed
  - iii. Coach throws a total of three pitches
    - 1. After two pitches, foul balls allow an extra pitch and are unlimited
- g. If a coach pitcher is accidentally struck by a batted ball (either when pitching or when acting as the umpire), the ball is immediately ruled dead and the pitch is treated as "no pitch". The batter returns to the batter's box and the count remains the same.
- h. Upon the 3rd batter being hit in a single inning by one pitcher, that pitcher will be removed from the mound immediately for the duration of the inning.
  - i. Hit by pitch results in coach pitch.

### **2. Batting:**

- a. Bunting is not allowed on coach pitch.
- b. Slashing is not allowed (show bunt, pull back, and hit away).
- c. No dropped 3rd strike

### **3. Fielding:**

- a. No infield fly rule.
- b. Up to 4 outfielders may be used, they must start 10 feet behind the baseline
- c. Play stops when a ball, hit to the outfield, gets in the control of the pitcher, who is in the infield

### **4. Base Running:**

- a. Stealing is not allowed in any situation
- b. **Overthrows:**
  - i. When a batted ball is fielded in the infield and thrown to attempt any force out, the play is immediately dead on an overthrow and batters may only advance to the base they were attempting to reach.
  - ii. On all other plays at bases, an overthrow allows up to one additional base advancement, at the risk of the runner.