



## **PISGAH YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

### ***2010 BlastBall Rules – 3/16/2010***

**Player Age:** Age requirements are that players cannot turn 5 years old before May 1<sup>st</sup> and must be 4 years old by December, 31 of the year in which they will play.

#### **Playing Field:**

- ❖ The playing field will consist of 1st base loaded with a horn, home plate where the batter will hit from a “Tee” and all defensive players will line up at least 40 feet away from home plate. Second and Third Base will be added throughout the playing season.
- ❖ Any ball hit 10 feet from the Tee located on Home Plate or past the fair ball marker arc will be considered a fair ball and the batter shall advance to 1st base.
- ❖ 1st base will be set to a distance of 40 feet from Home Plate.
- ❖ The home team shall be responsible for lining the field and setting, at the proper distance, the bases and home plate. The home team coach is also responsible for getting the baseball equipment to the field i.e. T, balls, bats. All equipment will be in a field box located next to Field 2, 7 or 8.

#### **Equipment:**

- ❖ All players must wear the team Baseball Cap and the Team Jersey supplied by PYO. The Cap and Jersey must be worn during all games.
- ❖ Using a Baseball Glove and wearing Baseball shoes are optional in the BlastBall league. The game ball is foam rubber and will be safe for kids to play without gloves.
- ❖ All equipment for the Blast-Ball game will be furnished to the team and coach by PYO. The coach is responsible for the care and upkeep of the equipment. PYO furnished equipment will include: Blast balls, bat, batting tee, blast-ball 1st base for each game.

#### **Games:**

- ❖ Games shall last a maximum 45 minutes. If the game is called because of darkness or inclement weather, it will be declared a complete game if twenty-five (25) minutes are completed prior to the stopping of play.
  - Games 1 and 2 will only have first base.
  - Games 3 and 4 will have first and second base
  - Games 5 and 6 will have first, second and third base
  - Games 7 and 8 will have first, second and third base
- ❖ No score or win/loss records will be kept.

## **Rules:**

- ❖ Coaches are encouraged and expected to be in the field and coaching their players.
- ❖ Each team will bat its entire roster in each inning one complete time, which will constitute a half inning of play. See below an example of a line-up to use. If a child is absent just move the numbers up accordingly

### **Game 1**

1<sup>st</sup> inning player 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> inning player 2, 3, 4, 5, 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> inning 3, 2, 1, 5, 4

### **Game 2**

1<sup>st</sup> inning player 4, 5, 1, 2, 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> inning player 5, 4, 3, 2, 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> inning player 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

When at bat, the object is to hit a fair ball, reach the base and sound the horn before the defensive team fields the ball, holds it above their head and yells “Blast”.

- For Games 1 and 2 the batter will return to the dugout when he reaches first base or a defensive player yells “Blast”.
  - For Games 3 and 4 the lead runner will return to the dugout after he reaches second base or a defensive player yells “Blast”.
  - For Games 5 and 6 the lead runner will return to the dugout after he reaches third base or a defensive player yells “Blast”.
  - For Games 7 and 8 the lead runner will return to the dugout after he reaches home plate or a defensive player yells “Blast”.
- ❖ Each batter will receive a maximum of 6 swings in which to hit a fair ball. A fair ball is any ball between the foul lines and past the 10 foot fair ball arc in front of home plate.
  - ❖ When on defense, all players will play a defensive position at least 40 feet from home plate. No player shall play catcher. Defensive positions will be marked with squares and placed in the infield before the game. Defense will consist of 4 infielders and 1 pitcher.
  - ❖ The home team will be responsible for setting up the field for the game.
  - ❖ Coaches will also serve as umpires while on the field.
  - ❖ After the last game of the day, the home team coach should return the bases, home plate, the bats, the balls and the T to the nearest field box. Make sure the lid is closed to prevent the equipment from getting saturated with water.
  - ❖ The player’s parent or legal guardian is required to be on the field at all times during all practices and games. This is necessary due the unexpected player’s need of their parent.