

PISGAH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

2013 Blastball Rules

Players Age: Age requirements are that all players must be 4 years old on or before December 31st of the current year.

Playing Field:

Playing field will consist of bases loaded with a horn, home plate where a batter will hit from a "Tee" and the following defensive players: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, short stop and pitcher. If you have a sixth player they will stand between 1st and 2nd. Each of the defensive players will stand at least 40 feet away from home plate. The other bases will be added throughout the playing season.

Any ball hit 10 feet from home plate or past the fair ball marker will be considered a fair ball and the batter shall advance to 1st base.

1st base will be set at a distance of 50 feet from home plate.

The home team shall be responsible for getting the playing field ready. These responsibilities include setting the base(s), setting the T, putting down the foul line, and marking the foul line. The coach is also responsible for getting the baseball equipment to the field i.e T, balls, bats. All equipment will be located in the storage box next to the field

Equipment:

All players must wear team baseball cap and team t-shirt supplied by PYO. Hat and shirt must be worn during all games.

A player may use a baseball/softball glove. 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. Each coach will be furnished 2 foam bats, 2 foam balls. Please bring this equipment to the games. PYO furnished equipment for the games will include: Blast balls, bat, batting tee, blast-ball bases, tape measure and foul marker.

Games:

Games shall last a maximum 45 minutes and a minimum of 30 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 for the rest of season will have all the bases.

∞ No score or win/loss records will be kept.

Rules:

∞ Each Blast-Ball team must have (2) coaches on the field of play at all times.

∞ Each team will bat its entire roster in each inning one complete time, which will constitute a half inning of play.

2013 Blastball Rules (continued)

See below an example of a line-up to use.

If a child is absent just move the numbers up accordingly. The below is an EXAMPLE of a lineup for the first three innings. You will play more than three innings. The games should last a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of 45 minutes. If an inning starts after the 30 minutes complete the inning and call the game.

Game 1

1st inning player 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

2nd inning player 2, 3, 4, 5, 1

3rd inning 3, 2, 1, 5, 4

Game 2

1st inning player 4, 5, 1, 2, 3

2nd inning player 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

3rd 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 the rest of the season the lead runner will return to the dugout after he reaches home plate or a defensive player yells "Blast". The assumption is the defensive player would get the lead base runner out. Therefore, if a base runner is on first and the batter hit a ball directly to the third baseman, the third baseman would throw to second and not to first getting the lead base runner. After all players have batted once any remaining players on the bases need to come in. There will be no final batter where everybody runs the bases. We do not do that in T-ball and do not want players, parents and coaches thinking that is the correct way to end an inning.

⊕ 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 shall be a catcher. Defense will consist of a maximum of 5 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.