

Simcoe County Elementary School Three Pitch Rules

The game of three pitch uses the regular slo-pitch rules with the following additional regulations:

The batting order consists of a minimum of 10 players. Batting less than ten players will result in an automatic out for every player less than ten when that spot in the batting order is due up. The batting order may contain more if you wish, so that all the players you bring can bat. Any player who cannot bat due to injury is declared an out unless the coach of that player withdraws him or her immediately from the game due to an injury, in which case the player will simply be skipped over at subsequent at bats if no substitute is used.

10 players play defensively at a time. Unlimited defensive substitutions, so that a coach can sub players in and out as many times as they wish for any player they want.

All players must play every inning – either defensively or offensively.

4 outfielders, none of whom may come onto the infield area until the ball is hit. 1 infield rover to play behind the batting teams pitcher.

The offensive team supplies the pitcher. The pitcher must pitch from a minimum of 35 feet from the plate. The Pitcher may use a glove.

Each batter is allowed a maximum of three pitches to hit a fair ball.

If a batted ball contacts the pitcher, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and the runners return to last base legally possessed at the time of the pitch.

Runners must maintain contact with the base until the ball is hit.

The pitcher may not touch the ball while the defense is making a play. Balls from the outfield must go to the infield rover who will return it to the pitcher when play has ceased. If the pitcher interferes with a play by the defensive team, the ball is dead and the runner nearest home plate is out.

Ball will be a 12-inch softball.

Base Line Distances – 55 feet

Pitching Distance – 35 feet minimum – the pitcher shall pitch from any point behind a line drawn on the ground 35 feet from the back point of the plate and shall be in line with second base.

Foot Wear – no metal spikes

Scoring Line and Commitment Line – A commitment line will be used. When a player crosses this line they will have to proceed to cross the scoring line. The commitment line is 20 feet from home plate and the scoring line is drawn from the front corner of the plate parallel with the first base line. All plays at the plate are force plays where the catcher simply touches the plate while in possession of the ball. No tags are allowed, as every play at the plate is a force play, similar to a play at first base.

Players must wear a helmet while batting and when running the basepaths.

The catcher must wear a facemask.