

2026 Machine Pitch League Practice Nights (All players)

Monday April 13th and Wed April 15th High School Auxiliary Gym - 5:30- 7:00 pm

Monday April 20th and Wed April 22nd High School Auxiliary Gym - 5:30- 7:00 pm

** Teams will be selected by coaches after practice nights.

Further practices will be determined by the coaches.

(Practices are typically on Monday evenings)

League Schedule (Teams TBD)

Wednesday May 6th	League Games
Wednesday May 13th	League Games
Wednesday May 20nd	League Games
Wednesday May 27th	League Games
Wednesday June 3rd	League Games
Wednesday June 10th	League Games
Wednesday June 17th	League Games
Wednesday June 24th	League Games
Saturday June 27th	Water Tower Festival Tournament

Required Equipment: Baseball Hat and T shirt (both provided by league), Glove, Gray or White Baseball pants or sweatpants and either plastic cleats or tennis shoes.

You may bring your own USA baseball certified bat, but not required. Team Bat will be available for all to play with. You may bring your own helmet, but not required! NO SHORTS OR JEANS.

Pipestone Youth Baseball Association

Machine Pitch Rules

- A. Players must be 7 or 8 as of April 1st, of the current playing year.
- B. Bases will be 60 feet apart.
- C. Regular baseballs will be used.
- D. Games are 5 innings with no new inning starting after 1 hour 5 min.
- E. A minimum of 8 players is required to start a game. When batting with 8 players, the 9th position will be an out. Any fewer players require a forfeit. If you have fewer than 8 players you cannot use a player from another team.
- F. Outfielders will play in the grass. The Pipestone teams are 7 and 8 year olds who play in a recreational / instructional league, therefore up to 2 coaches may be on the field while their team is on defense. Try to remain on the edge of the infield / outfield.
- G. All players will bat in the same order for the entire game.
- H. 3 outs or 5 runs end a teams' at bat except for the last inning when unlimited runs can be scored. The last inning is the 5th. Remember the time limit, no new inning can start after 1 hour 5 min.
- I. The maximum number of players you can play with is 11. There will be 6 infielders and the remaining players will play outfield. Each player must play 1 inning in the outfield, and no more than 2 innings at any 1 position every game.
- J. A spring- loaded pitching machine will be used to pitch the baseball. Pitches shall be made with the desired result of providing strikes for the players to swing at. All pitching machines will have the same settings throughout the league.
- K. Each batter is allowed 6 pitches. After the 6th pitch if the batter does not foul the pitch off or hit the pitch the batter is out. If he fouls the pitch off he will continually get another one until he hits or misses the pitch. If he does not swing he is out.
- L. A defensive player shall play the pitcher position by standing next to the coach who is operating the machine. If a ball hits the machine it remains a live ball. The defensive player must wear a helmet while playing this position.

- M. You may take a 2-step lead off after the ball has crossed the plate however no stealing is allowed.
- N. No bunting allowed.
- O. When the ball is hit to the outfield and then returned to the infield, once it touches the dirt the runners must stop at the base they are at.
- P. Runner may not advance on any overthrow.
- Q. After all 6 balls have been pitched, the balls get brought back to the pitcher.
- R. Bat size may not exceed 29" in length and must be USA baseball certified.
- S. All runners should slide if there is a close play.
- T. Remember to have fun we are all trying to learn the game of baseball. Be a good sport as well.
- U. If a batter is hit by a pitch from the machine, they will be awarded 1st base.