

Dear Oakville Baseball community,

I am writing to inform you of some exciting rule changes that will take effect for the upcoming Coach Pitch season in 2023. These changes have been made with the development and safety of our young players in mind, as well as an overall improvement in the quality of gameplay.

Firstly, we have decided to eliminate the 3-out rule. We believe that this change will allow for more opportunities for our players to develop their skills and learn the game. We want to encourage our young athletes to take risks and try new things, without the fear of being penalized for making mistakes. This change will also result in more playing time for all players on the team, allowing them to gain valuable experience on the field.

Additionally, we have decided to adjust the structure of games. Each game will now consist of 4 innings, with time constraints in place. This change will help to improve the quality of gameplay by allowing for more time to focus on specific skills during practice. It will also result in less drawn-out games, which we believe will be more enjoyable for our young players.

Finally, we have implemented a new safety and development change for catchers. Catchers will now be required to be positioned behind the home plate, rather than off to the side or on the fence. This change will help to prevent injuries to our young catchers, while also allowing them to develop their skills in a safe and controlled environment. This is a critical skill that we are looking to nurture as players who wish to move to one of our representative teams, will need this skill as soon as they leave Coach Pitch.

We are confident that these changes will result in a more positive and rewarding experience for our young athletes. We look forward to seeing them grow and develop their skills throughout the season.

Sincerely,

Stephen Humphrey

President of Oakville Baseball