

St. Elizabeth Pitching Machine League – Baseball (K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Distances/Ball:**

Grade	Field	Ball	Pitching (Distance/Speed)	Base
K	St. Eliz #2	Rubber Dimple (provided at St. Eliz)	35 ft. / 25 to 30 mph	50 ft.
1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Eliz #3	Rawlings - ROTB5 (Level 5) or ROBM	42 ft. / 30 to 35 mph	60 ft.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Eliz #1	Rawlings - ROTB5 (Level 5) or ROBM	42 ft. / 35 to 40 mph	60 ft.

**Ball** - Kindergarten will use the rubber dimple balls during games, which will be provided at St. Elizabeth. Please make sure the balls are returned to bucket following your game. For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, home team is responsible for providing the 5 game balls, ball type noted in table above.

**Rules:**

Sec 1 – Only an approved coach will operate the machine and serve as the head umpire when their team is at bat. At no time is it acceptable for a player to touch/operate pitching machine or related equipment.

Sec 2 – 10 Defensive Players – Traditional positions plus an additional outfielder, e.g. Left, Left Center, Right Center, Right.

Sec 3 – Machine speed, height, etc. to be set prior to the beginning of game at the approximate speed noted above, tested, and agreed to by both teams. Do not change speed or height, unless completely necessary and agreed to be both coaches.

Sec 4 – Pitches Per Batter – No balls, strikes, or walks. 5 pitches per batter. If the final pitch is foul an additional pitch is awarded. If the final pitch is deemed unhittable (low, high, or outside) an additional pitch can be awarded. For Kindergarten only, if batter misses final pitch a tee can be used. This is up to the individual coach/team.

Sec 5 – Ball In Play – For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, multiple bases are allowed on hit with no advancement once ball is secured in the infield, including foul territory. No advancing bases on overthrow. One base per hit for Kindergarten. When a batted or thrown ball hits the machine the play becomes dead.

Sec 6 – No Stealing Bases / No Lead-Offs

Sec 7 – Defensive Coaches – Up to 2 coaches allowed in outfield.

Sec 8 – Scoring/Outs – Teams switch at first of 5 runs or 3 outs.

Sec 9 – Time Limits – Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> do not start another inning after 60 minutes from scheduled start time; 2<sup>nd</sup> do not start another inning after 75 minutes from scheduled start time.