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### **Minor A Pitching Machine Rule Clarifications**

There have been some questions as to the specific rules in place this year regarding the pitching machine. I will hopefully clear up most of the questions here.

Each batter is to receive 5 'good' pitches. Not 5 total pitches. Please use your discretion as to whether or not a pitch is hittable. We don't want kids up there forever and slowing the game down, but each boy should have a fair opportunity to put the ball in play. We should have a loose but fair strike zone.

There is no 3-strike rule. Each batter should be given the 5 pitches (as covered above) to put the ball in play. If after the 5 pitches the ball is not put fairly in play, the at bat will be counted as an out and the next batter in the order will bat. If the 5th pitch is a hit ball foul, the at bat will be counted as an out and the next batter in the order will bat.

There are no swinging bunts. Use your discretion, but the ball should travel 20 feet or so from home plate to be considered a fair ball.

You can find all this information on the web site. We amended the Minor A rules this year to reflect these areas. They are posted in the forms area under the Minor A link.

It is important we stay consistent with this to be fair to the kids from game to game. Please do not deviate or play favorites to benefit certain kids or situations.

Thanks,  
Bob Mason