

ARC Machine Pitch Rules

1. Nine players will play in the field every inning.
2. All players bat in order before returning to the beginning of the batting lineup. Each player is to receive a maximum of 4 pitches. If the 4th pitch is fouled out of play, the batter gets another pitch and regular baseball rules apply.
3. No new inning may be started after 60 minutes of time has elapsed. At this point, the top and the bottom of the inning will be finished except if the home team is ahead and then the bottom of the inning will be omitted.
4. No team may score more than 7 runs in any single inning. When a team reaches the seven runs, that half of the inning is over and the other team bats.
5. Play is stopped when the ball is in possession of the player designated as the pitcher and that player has returned to the “pitching circle”. Any runners between bases must return to the last base reached.
6. Coin flip for who is home team, home team bats last and is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper. Official time will be kept by the official scorekeeper. The umpire will ask the scorekeeper to record the time immediately prior to starting the game.
7. No leading off.
8. If a collision is imminent at home plate and the catcher has actual physical control of the ball, it is the responsibility of the runner to avoid the collision. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out. Subsequent offenses in the same game by the same player will result in that player’s ejection from the game.
9. The catcher (or any player) attempting to make a play at home plate, either by a tag or by way of a force play, may not block the plate or in any way interfere with the runner’s access to home plate without actual physical possession of the ball. Doing so will result in the runner being called safe. Subsequent offences in the same game by the same player will result in the player’s ejection from the game.
10. If the “machine” is hit by the ball from the batter in “such case a line drive”, the ball will be dead. The batter will be allowed 1st base and all base runners are allowed 1 base. If the ball is hit over the fence, it will be a home run. If the ball bounces over, goes under or through the fence, it will be considered a ground rule double and base runners will get their base plus one (a runner of first will end up on third).