

The City Of St. James Summer Sports Program is intended for kids to have fun, learn basic aspects of the game, and learn good sportsmanship in a **NON-COMPETITIVE and SAFE** atmosphere. Listed below are some simple rules in which to follow during games.

- Every player on the roster will take the field. (No players sitting on bench while on defense.)
- Every player on the roster will bat once during an inning.
- Outs are not counted and score is not kept. (No umpires.)
- The coach can choose to pitch to the players or use the pitching machine provided by the City.
- The coaches may decide to let the players run the bases even if they are clearly out at any base. (Emphasize good sportsmanship and not competitiveness.)
- The batter may only take up to 4 swinging strikes. After 4 strikes, the player may run to first base or return to the bench. (This process helps move the game progress along at a faster pace and allows more at bats per team.)
- Parents are encouraged and welcomed to be on the field to help their own child during the game.
- While your team is batting, all players must be in the dugout besides the batter and player on deck.
- If using a pitching machine and a batted ball strikes the machine, it is considered a dead ball and play must restart.
- There is to be no alcoholic beverages. Smoking is prohibited near the playing field and dugouts.
- Helmets must be used at all times while batting and running the bases. Every team will receive a gear bag with helmets, bats, and catchers gear.
- Game time is limited to one hour. Coaches are asked to return the pitching machine and power cord to the North Storage Room after the 7PM game.