

# Farm

(8 – 9 Years Old, 7 Years Old with Board Approval)

Farm is our kid pitch/coach pitch hybrid division, played on 60-foot base paths and hitting off of both kid pitch (46-foot mound) and coaches throws. There will be no walks in this division, if the batter is not able to hit off of the kid pitcher the coach will come in to throw up to 3 pitches total (unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch is fouled off). The batter can either put the ball into play or strike out on the coach's pitches. Players will gain skills in hitting, catching, pitching, fielding and being a good team player. This level of play will utilize a continuous batting order. Everyone gets to hit, even if they are not out in the field during the defensive part of the inning. This also means whoever was next up to bat at the end of one game will be the lead off batter for the next game. The line up will only change at special points of the season. Practices and games will be fun and instructional, this division has a 5 run rule per inning or 3 outs. No standings will be kept for this division. Games for this division will start after Spring Break, tentatively the second week of April. This division will hold 2 practices a week with 2 games a week, games will be held in Lake Stevens and Granite Falls. Teams in this division are drafted by the team managers after tryouts.

Players will be provided a team jersey and a hat.

**Recommended equipment:** Baseball cleats, batting helmet, baseball pants, and a baseball glove.

**Optional equipment:** Baseball bat (must have the USA stamp to be used), batting gloves, bat bag, and socks.

If you are having trouble obtaining the gear needed please contact a board member so we can help.