

***** PITCHING NETS*****

***** Pitching nets will be available for use for 2019 season. *****

Pitchers for each team will declare the use of the pitching net at the beginning of the game.

It is NOT mandatory that a pitcher use the pitching net.

The purpose of the screen is to protect the pitcher. It is NOT intended to be an additional “defensive player” on the infield.

*****Pitching Net RULES*****

- 1. Once a pitcher declares the use of the pitching net at the beginning of a game, the net will be used for the duration of the game for the declaring pitcher.**
- 2. If there is a pitching change during the game, the incoming pitcher will declare to use or not use the pitching net. If the incoming pitcher declares to use the net, the net will be used for the duration of the game for that declaring pitcher.**
- 3. The net can be placed no more than 4 feet in front, or behind, the pitching rubber. A portion of the base of the screen MUST be touching, or parallel (dependent upon placement) with the pitching rubber.**
Once the net is in place for the inning, the net must stay in that place. No moving of the net for each batter.
- 4. The pitcher MUST stay behind the net until the ball makes contact with the bat.**
- 5. If a ball is hit into the net (frame included), it will be a DEAD BALL and counted as a STRIKE. If the “gotta be fair” ball hits the net (frame included), the batter will be OUT.**
- 6. On defense: If a ball is thrown into net (frame included) or touches net in any way, the ball will be LIVE. The pitching net becomes PART OF THE FIELD just as a base or umpire is part of the field.**

Again, it is NOT MANDATORY for a team to use the net.