

# COACH PITCH RULES

## 7-8 BOYS

**AGE RESTRICTION:** Boys in this league cannot be 9 before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the season in progress.

**TIME-LIMIT:** Game time-during regular season, 1 hour and 15 minutes of elapsed playing time or seven completed innings. Forty minutes or four completed innings constitutes a game if play is stopped because of inclement weather, rain, power failure, or curfew.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** A team will consist of at least 10 players-**SIX PLAYERS IN THE INFIELD AND FOUR PLAYERS IN THE OUTFIELD BEYOND THE 10 FT. ARC.** A 10 ft. arc will be placed behind each base, all outfielders must start behind this arc. A team must have at least six players by game time or forfeit. There will be no automatic out for teams playing with 6, 7, 8, or 9 players.

**CIRCLE BASE AND PITCHING DISTANCES:** A 12-foot diameter circle will be marked around the pitching rubber. Boys will use 55 foot bases with the pitching rubber at 35 feet with an overhand pitch.

**BATTING ORDER:** Each team will list all players in the scorebook and will bat a full roster each inning. However players must bat in the same order every inning. Three outs or 7 runs scored constitute a half inning.

**RUN SPREAD:** The game will be called with a 15-run spread after three innings or a 10-run spread after five innings.

**BASE RUNNING:** Runners cannot advance on overthrows to 1<sup>st</sup> base. On batted balls runners may advance at their own risk UNTIL the ball is returned to the pitcher in the circle.

**INFIELD FLY RULE:** No infield fly rule in effect.

**WALKS:** No walks. There will be five pitches to the batter or a strikeout, whichever occurs first. A foul on the third strike is not considered an out, batter will continue to bat.

**BUNT:** No bunting or slug bunting is permitted. Batter must take a full swing.

**FIELDING BALLS:** An attempt must be made to throw the ball to a base and not roll the ball on the ground.

**FREE SUBSTITUTION:** All players may re-enter the game while his team is in the field.

**COACHES:** 1 - pitching coach, 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> base coach and 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach for the batting team. The team on the field can have one coach stand behind second base. Boys play with major league baseballs. Defensive coach behind second base may not interfere with ball in play. No fielding glove by pitcher. The coach who is pitching will be allowed to coach his players, as long as he is not wasting undue game time (umpire judgement). Coaches will receive only one warning.

**Negative chanting or bantering by players, coaches or spectators directed towards opposing team/players; including player position, calling out player numbers or player names will not be tolerated. Positive cheering of own team and players is encouraged. PENALTY: One warning per game, second infraction coach ejected, third infraction game forfeited.**

Any rules not covered in the above shall fall under the general rule written by the League and rules which will be under the jurisdiction of the home field Director.