



# Coach Pitch Rules 2024

## (Baseball and Softball)



1. Games will be a minimum of 3 innings with no additional inning starting after 60 minutes of play.
2. The bases will be set at 60'. Catchers must be positioned a safe distance behind home plate.
3. The ball must go 15' in the fair direction before it is considered in play (NO Bunting).
4. Only one batter is allowed on the field. There will one "On Deck" batter.
5. No jewelry is allowed to be worn during the game by players.
6. Players are not permitted to steal or lead off bases until the ball is hit.
7. Coaches must instruct players not to throw bats.
8. Each player must play the complete game.
9. Outs will be decided by a coach of the batting team. Close plays should be discussed by both coaches.
- 10. The half inning ends after 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first.**
11. Runners may advance until the ball comes back to the infield. Runners who have not reached halfway to the next base will be sent back.
12. A batter will be awarded first base when hit by a pitch, even if it hits the ground first.
13. After 3 hittable pitches (3 strikes) the batter will hit from a tee. There will be a **maximum of 6 pitches** to a batter before they must hit off of the tee. **There are no exceptions to the 6 pitch max, including bad pitches, foul balls, etc. Pace of play is important to ensure as much playing time is utilized as possible.**
14. The offensive teams coach will pitch to their team and a 2nd coach will be at the plate to work with the batters. If possible a 3<sup>rd</sup> coach should be in the dugout at all times.
15. The coach that pitches must determine the pitching distance that he or she needs for each batter. Coaches must be at least 20ft from the batter.
16. The pitcher must stand in the circle surrounding the pitching rubber.
17. The pitcher can throw either overhand or underhand to batters depending on their ability.
18. Coaches of the fielding team must be in foul territory near their dugout.
19. All players will play in the field. We will play with a regulation infield, all others in the outfield.
20. Outfielders must be in the grass as the time of the pitch.
21. No defensive player is allowed in front of the pitchers circle.
22. Coaches control the game, there are **no umpires** for coach pitch.
23. Only rostered players are allowed to participate. No exceptions
24. Coaches on the field must be 16 years of age or older.