

## ***Coach Pitch Rules***

1. Teams will have an equal number of players on the field. If both teams have 10, 11 or 12 players, they may have 10, 11 or 12 players on the field, but both teams have to have equal numbers on the field at a time. If you play with 12 players, all the extra players must be positioned in the outfield. A team can play with a minimum of 7 players.
2. Players must play in the field at least every other inning. Exceptions are: injury or disciplinary action. Opposing coach must be notified.
3. Every team member will be in the batting rotation. Late players will be added to the bottom of the line-up. Exceptions are: injury or disciplinary actions. Opposing coach must be notified.
4. TIME LIMIT: A one-hour time limit per game will apply. If a new inning is started before the one-hour has expired, it must be completed. Three full innings or ½ hour constitutes a complete game in case of inclement weather.
5. BASE DISTANCE: 55 feet.
6. BALL USED: Safe Ball Provided.
7. No pre-game warm-ups will be allowed on the field. The first game will start at 6:00 pm; the second game will start at 7:15 pm,
8. Coaches will pitch to their own players. **Please pitch Overhand to Boys and Underhand to girls.** This is so they can get used to the delivery of the ball.
  - a. No walks are allowed
  - b. Maximum number of balls pitched to a player is 4. After the 4<sup>th</sup> ball the Tee will be provided to hit off of.
  - c. **3 outs per inning, or one time through the batting order.**
9. Any batter throwing his/her bat will automatically be out, no warnings will be given.
10. BASE RUNNING:
  - a. Runners must remain on base until the ball is hit.
  - b. No stealing allowed, and you cannot run on a dropped third strike
  - c. No infield fly rule.
  - d. On an infield hit or overthrow, the base-runner may only advance one base at runner's risk.
  - e. On an outfield hit, the base-runner may advance until the ball has reached the infield, at that time the Coaches will call "TIME" and all runners must go to the next closest base.
14. Each team may have 2 coaches on the field during play.
  - a. Defensive coaches: 1 is allowed in the outfield and the other Coach will be the Catcher.
  - b. Offensive coaches: the coach that is pitching is also the 1st base coach. They must exit the field behind the batter going to 1st on a hit (also have a 3rd base coach).
  - b. May have another coach helping the batter get set up if needed.
  - c. All coaches must avoid contact with the players and a live ball. Coaches can not touch base-runners while a play is going on or the result will be an out.
  - d. A coach must call "TIME" if he/she would like to demonstrate something to his/her players.
  - e. Infielders must be within 5 feet of base path; outfielders must remain at least 10 feet behind base path.