

Coach Pitch Supplemental Rules

This is a Youth Baseball Coach Pitch Division. No mechanical or electric pitching machines are allowed. Coach Pitch teaches players the rules and playing fundamentals of baseball.

A. ROSTERS

1) Coach Pitch Ages: 7 and under, players may NOT turn 8 before May 1 of the current year.

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2) Each team will have a minimum of (12) twelve players. When a player is placed on your official roster, that player will remain on your team until the player voluntarily removes themselves from the team. Contact your Division VP if case of problems.

3) There will be No player tryouts held by Coaches. A player showcase can be held for players in the Player Pool for those teams that need players, players will be placed based on need and availability. Once a player practices once (1 practice) with your team, that player is on your team.

B. COACHES

1) Each team will be limited to (1) one Manager and up to (2) two Rostered Assistant Coaches and (1) Team Parent. Teams may also be allowed to have volunteers if needed.

2) One Roster coach or volunteer will be allowed in the dugout.

3) Offensive Coaches will be positioned in official coach's boxes.

4) One offensive coach (typically manager) can cross dug out line to give instruction but cannot be a stationary coach on the field, you must return to area behind dug out line after instruction is given.

a. cannot cross foul line into playing field must remain in foul territory when instruction is given

5) The batter/base runner will be called out if a Coach or Manager touches them while the ball is in play, once the Umpire calls play ball at the plate.

C. COACH PITCH RULES

1) The Manager will report all substitutions to the plate umpire and scorekeeper. A team will consist of 10 players: six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders (left, right, center, and rover). Rovers will be positioned behind the infielders. Outfielders will play no closer than the edge of the outfield grass.

- 2) Games will not be forfeited due to lack of players. If the Manager of the team with insufficient players is willing, the game may start or continue with a minimum of nine (9) players. The Missing player is an automatic out and will be placed 10th on the line-up.
- 3) Time limit will be one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes, or six complete innings for each game.
- 4) If time expires after an inning has started, the game will be called if either team is leading by 10 or more runs.
- 5) Games called for any reason will be considered complete games if (3) three innings have been completed. If games are called in less than three innings and are to be continued, they will be continued from point of curtailment.
- 6) Run Rule: 10 run after 4 innings.
- 7) Ties: International tiebreaker rule will be used in playoffs only, season games may end in a tie. (A runner starting on second base)
- 8) PITCHER: Coach Pitch will use a Coach-Pitcher. The Coach-Pitcher will pitch to their team.
 - a. The pitching rubber will be 40ft from home plate.
 - b. The pitch must be thrown overhand while standing and with little to no arch.
 - c. The Player-Pitcher must have 1 foot on the rubber at the time the pitch is thrown.
 - d. When a player hits the ball in play and ball hits the Coach-Pitcher, the ball is considered dead/no play and will be re-pitched.
 - e. The Coach-Pitcher will exit the playing field when a ball is in play. The Coach-Pitcher may not leave the mound area except when the ball is in play (intent is to prevent the Coach-Pitcher from leaving the mound area to coach a batter or runner).
 - f. Coach-Pitchers cannot coach or give instructions from the mound area. After the pitch is thrown the Coach-Pitcher may not instruct any base runner or batter.
- 9) NUMBER OF PITCHES: Each at bat will consist of three (3) strikes or six (6) TOTAL pitches. If ball is fouled on 6th pitch batter is out.
- 10) Intentional walk are NOT allowed
- 11) Courtesy runners will not be allowed accept in case of injury or illness. The courtesy runner shall be the player who made the last out.
- 12) No leading off or base stealing. The base runner must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. If the base runner leaves early, they will be called out.
- 13) The defensive player listed as pitcher shall stay in contact with the pitchers rubber until the ball

is hit. (For safety, Coaches please advise the opposing team when your power hitters are up, so Coaches can take precautions of moving their pitcher directly behind the pitching rubber).

- a. Penalty: The play continues. After the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or no-pitch.
- b. Additional Penalty: First Offense: Warning. Second Offense: Removal of player from the pitching position for the remainder of the game

14) Throwing a Bat while Hitting is not allowed

- a. A warning will be issued the first violation to a batter. Second violation is subject to being called out, at the discretion of the umpire. Third violation in same game by same batter is removed from game per Umpire discretion.

15) No bunts are allowed. The batter must take a full swing. Violation of this rule results in the batter being called out and the base runners will not be allowed to advance.

- a. There will be NO ten-foot arc at home plate. Once the ball is hit, it is a live ball.

16) Umpires shall call "Dead Ball" after every play. A "Dead Ball" shall be called as soon as the lead runner is not attempting to advance AND/OR THE BALL HAS been returned to the Pitcher and which is inside the Pitchers Circle.

- a. A Pitcher running through the pitchers circle to make a play will not constitute a Dead Ball.
- b. Runners that are halfway to a base, in the umpire's opinion, will be awarded the next base
- c. In the case of an overthrow, runner may advance at his own discretion or risk , if ball is overthrown out of field of play (meaning past dugout or fenced area) he/she is awarded the next base only. Once the runner arrives to the base safely the ball is dead and the play ends.

17) TIME OUTS: Teams are limited to (2) two, (1) one minute time outs per game.

D. TIME CONTROL

1) The umpire(s) must ensure that the game play is continued in a timely fashion. The umpire should attempt to postpone all coach's questions until after the game or between innings unless is it a "rule clarification question" regarding a call.

E. SCORE KEEPING:

1) Score will be kept for all regular season games. The Home Team is the "Official Score book". Therefore, the official score keeper will record actual start time in accordance with the LCYBA Rules. Note: Time limit will be observed.

F. UMPIRES

1) There will be a Uniformed League Umpire at each game. In the event an Umpire does not show, each team will provide (1) one parent per game for umpiring. The Defensive Team is to provide the Home Plate Umpire per half inning.

G. REQUIRED EQUIPEMENT

- 1) Bats: All bats must have the USA stamp
- 2) Protective Equipment
 - a. All Batters including those at Plate and ON DECK require helmets. Helmets are required by all Base Runners.
 - b. The Defensive Catcher must wear the Catchers Equipment (Mask/Helmet, Chest Protector and Shin Guards). The Defensive Catcher may use either a Catcher's Mitt or a Standard Baseball Glove.
 - c. It is recommended but not required to wear a protective cup.
- 3) Official leather baseball provided to coaches by league will be used for league play.
 - a. Each Coach is required to give one new baseball to umpire at beginning of game.

H. RULE INTERPRETATION

- 1) Please note during league play General Standing Rules / Coach Pitch Rules will take precedence, anything that is not covered in the general standing rules or coach pitch rules will be covered in the selected affiliation rule book followed by the MLB rule book.
- 2) Tournament play will follow sanctioning tournament rules.
- 3) LCYBA board may also supplement any rules as needed.
- 4) ANY VIOLATION OF STANDING RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE LCYBA BOARD

I. RESTRICTED AREAS

- 1) Restricted areas: the area from the dugout line to the outfield fences is now considered a restricted area an only registered coaches and players may be in this area. All fans and spectators can sit along back side of outfield fence or in the bleacher area.
 - a. all coaches must also stand behind the dug out line
 - b.

J. KEEP IN MIND

- 1) Score Keepers and Umpires are generally the youth of our city. Errors will occur.
- 2) LCYBA will absolutely not tolerate profane or abusive language directed toward them, by any parent / spectator / coach attending competition. In the interest of good sportsmanship, it is required that parents and spectators abide by the following:
 - a. Do not harass coaches or players on any team.
 - b. Do not make any vulgar or suggestive remarks to members of any team.
 - c. Cheers will be limited to encourage teams and not directed against opposing teams or players.
 - d. Coaches are responsible for their respective fans.
 - e. Umpires have the right to eject unruly parents / spectators / coaches.