



8U Special Rules

In the interest of building the division, coach pitch will be in effect through week 4 of regularly scheduled games when all bases are occupied and ball 4 is delivered to the current batter OR if the current batter is hit by a pitch delivered by the defensive team's pitcher.

IN EFFECT: Opening Day through March 7, 2026

- a. The offensive Manager/ Coach will pitch up to 3 pitches from inside the pitching circle with 1 foot on the pitching plate.
- b. If the 3rd pitch is fouled the batter will continue at bat until the pitch is missed or put into play.
- c. If a player is hit by coach pitch that pitch will not be counted as 1 of the 3 allotted pitches.
- d. No bunting allowed during coach pitch
- e. Warnings will be given to coaches and players who violate the Look Back Rule.
- f. Warnings will be given to coaches and players who are pitching illegally.

1. Offense

- a. No infield fly
- b. No drop third strike
- c. No stealing home
- d. 1 steal per pitched ball
 - i. Any runner attempting to advance more than one base is liable to be put out.
 - ii. Any runner who safely makes it to any additional base will be returned to the proper base without liability to be put out.
- e. Hit by Pitch shall be treated as such per USA Rules (batter is awarded 1st base)
- f. Batters and Runners may advance up to 2 bases on a batted ball through **March 7** of the season (in effect during the same time frame as Coach Pitch). Any runner who makes it safely to any additional base will be returned to the proper

base without liability to be put out. After March 7, the play will remain live until the ball is controlled by the pitcher in the circle.

2. Defense

- a. 10 defensive players are allowed.
 - i. Standard Infield
 - ii. Up to 4 Outfielders
- b. Outfielders must be a minimum of 10 feet behind the baseline.

3. Game Time

- a. 1:30 No New Inning, 1:50 Drop Dead or up to a maximum of 6 innings