

Brooklyn, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, & North Ridgeville
Coach Pitch League Rules

Teams

1. All players will play in the field defensively.
2. Each team must have 7 registered players to start
3. Defensive player positions shall be rotated at least every 2 innings.
4. Six infielders are permitted. All infield positions must be covered at the start of each play.
5. Catchers must wear a protective mask, and stand near the backstop at the start of each pitch on the opposite side of the batter.
6. All batters and base runners shall wear protective headgear.

Scoring

7. The side is out when 3 outs or 5 runs have been recorded, whichever occurs first. The batting order will resume from that point in the next inning. The maximum number of at bats will be once through the team batting order.
8. A game shall consist of 6 innings or 60 minutes. If the game is stopped, revert back to the last full inning for a score.
9. A copy of the team batting order shall be exchanged between the two teams prior to the start of each game. Even though defensive positions will change the batting order shall remain consistent.

Management

10. Offensive coaches are permitted in the coaching box at first and third. Defensive coaches can be positioned in the field to offer direction to players.
11. All players should have the opportunity to play various positions. It is **Mandatory** that for each infield position, at least 2 players play that position for (2) innings in the course of a game.

Rules of Play

12. The Pitching rubber should be set 35 feet from Home. Bases will be 60 feet apart.
13. Tee Ball/Boys Coach Pitch will use a safety baseball. Girls Coach Pitch will use a 11" safety softball
14. Each swing and miss is a strike.
15. No bunting: The batter must take a full swing.
 - a. If it lands on the line, it is a fair ball. If a ball lands on a perimeter foul line before the base pad and rolls out, it is a foul ball. If a ball lands on a perimeter foul line beyond the base pad and rolls out, it is fair. If a ball touches first or third base and rolls off, it is fair.
16. Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. No stealing; no leading off. Players who violate this rule shall receive one warning. A second offense will result in an out called by the umpire.
17. The infield fly rule does not apply.
18. Infielders may not begin play inside the baseline (except the pitcher). All infield positions must be covered at the start of play. The pitcher is the only exception to this rule.
19. A batted or thrown ball that hits the coach is a dead ball, the batter or runner will be awarded the next base.
20. Infielders must stand behind the baseline until the batter swings at the ball. Outfielders must stand in "normal" positions at the start of play.
21. The batter may only advance up to second base if the batted ball reaches the outfield.
22. At no time during play may a runner intentionally knock over a catcher or fielder. Any player in violation will be called out, this rule will be enforced whether the fielder has possession of the ball or not.
23. The defensive player who occupies the pitching position must be within 5 feet of the rubber until the ball is hit.

Overthrows

24. Runners may not continually advance on overthrows. If they are proceeding toward a base and an overthrow occurs, they may continue to that base (no further advancement). If the ball is overthrown again (a Double overthrow in one time at bat) the ball is dead and all offensive activity shall stop.

Coach Pitch Specific rules

25. After 7 pitches, the batter retires and counts as an out. Three strikes count as an out. When there are 2 strikes on the batter, a foul ball will not be considered a third strike.
26. Boys Coach Pitch division may request over or underhand delivery. Girls division shall be underhand only.
27. There are no walks.
28. A ball fouled off by the batter must be hit higher than the batter's head for a play to be made.