

### COACH PITCH CONDENSED RULES:

Batters shall get 6 pitches, or 3 strikes. If the 6th pitch is a foul ball, the batter shall receive an additional pitch or pitches until the ball is hit fair or the batter's turn at bat is completed.

7 runs limit per team per inning.

Base runner(s) may not leave their base until the ball is hit.

Penalty: Runner(s) will be called out for leaving the base early.

No infield fly rule.

No bunting.

No DH in Coach Pitch.

No Intentional Walks in Coach Pitch.

Coach Pitcher must pitch with one foot inside the circle. He must leave the field immediately when ball is put in play. The pitching coach shall not verbally or physically coach while in the pitching position- (shall not tell batter to swing or not to swing).

The defensive player listed as pitcher shall not leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit. PENALTY: The play continues and after the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or no-pitch.

A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher of record at any time during the inning. Coaches are encouraged to use this rule to speed up the game and increase participation.

- a. The courtesy runner must be a player not in the lineup.
- b. If all players are in the lineup, then the last recorded out shall become the courtesy runner. The player furthest from the line-up will be used for instances where there is not a last recorded out available.
- c. No appearance or removal will be charged against either player.
- d. The courtesy runner is in the game when he has taken his position on the base and the home plate umpire puts the ball in play.

A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher of the previous inning only. If the team batting has not played defense yet and a

courtesy runner is used, then the player that was run for must assume the catching position.

Note: Using the wrong courtesy runner is an appeal play and may result in the courtesy runner being called out.

Penalty: If the incorrect courtesy runner is discovered to have taken his position on base, the opposing coach must appeal prior to the next play or attempted play for the runner to be called out. If the incorrect courtesy runner is discovered any time after the next play or attempted play, the correct courtesy runner will take the position on base with no penalty

Each team on defense will field 10 players consisting of 6 infielders and 4 outfielders. The outfielders must stay in the outfield until the ball is hit. NOTE: Teams may start with 9 players; however, they must play with all infielders including the pitcher. If a team drops below 9 players, the game will be forfeited.

When a batter throws/slings the bat; the team will be issued a warning. The second time it occurs, that batter is declared out. The ball becomes dead and base runners must return to the base last legally occupied at the time of the infraction.

The Youth Pitcher must wear a helmet and/or safety mask and stand on either side of the adult pitcher.

Coaches have the option to play 10 players or the entire line-up.