



Coach Pitch Rules 2026 (Baseball and Softball)

- 1. Games will be a minimum of 3 innings with no additional inning starting after 60 minutes of play.**
- 2. The bases will be set at 60'. Catchers must be positioned a safe distance behind home plate.**
- 3. The ball must go 15' in the fair direction before it is considered in play (NO Bunting).**
- 4. Only one batter is allowed on the field. There will one "On Deck" batter.**
- 5. No jewelry is allowed to be worn during the game by players.**
- 6. Players are not permitted to steal or lead off bases until the ball is hit.**
- 7. Coaches must instruct players not to throw bats.**
- 8. Each player must play the complete game.**
- 9. Outs will be decided by a coach of the batting team. Close plays should be discussed by both coaches.**
- 10. The half inning ends after 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first.**
- 11. Runners may advance until the ball comes back to the infield. Runners who have not reached halfway to the next base will be sent back.**
- 12. A batter will be awarded first base when hit by a pitch, even if it hits the ground first.**
- 13. After 3 hittable pitches (3 strikes) the batter will hit from a tee. There will be a maximum of 6 pitches to a batter before they must hit off of the tee. There are no exceptions to the 6 pitch max, including bad pitches, foul balls, etc. Pace of play is important to ensure as much playing time is utilized as possible.**
- 14. The offensive teams coach will pitch to their team and a 2nd coach will be at the plate to work with the batters. If possible a 3rd coach should be in the dugout at all times.**
- 15. The coach that pitches must determine the pitching distance that he or she needs for each batter. Coaches must be at least 20ft from the batter.**
- 16. The pitcher must stand in the circle surrounding the pitching rubber.**
- 17. The pitcher can throw either overhand or underhand to batters depending on their ability.**
- 18. Coaches of the fielding team must be in foul territory near their dugout.**
- 19. All players will play in the field. We will play with a regulation infield, all others in the outfield.**
- 20. Outfielders must be in the grass as the time of the pitch.**
- 21. No defensive player is allowed in front of the pitchers circle.**
- 22. Coaches control the game, there are no umpires for coach pitch.**
- 23. Only rostered players are allowed to participate. No exceptions**
- 24. Coaches on the field must be 16 years of age or older.**