



# **COACH PITCH RULES**

## **Rules:**

Our standard t-ball rules will still apply with the exception of the following additional rules.

### **I. Pitching:**

- A. Coaches pitch to their own team. Coaches can kneel or stand and can pitch overhand or underhand inside the pitchers circle. Coaches pitching area will be marked between 25 - 30 feet.
- B. Adult pitcher will have 3 balls with them to start each at bat. Balls must be next to the adult pitcher. After each pitch any ball which is not hit will remain with the umpire until next batter. Visitors will provide one new game ball and home team will provide one new and one used game ball per game.
- C. The coach pitch pitcher must be 18 years or older.
- D. The pitcher will stand on the Pitcher's Plate in the circle during the delivery of a pitch. If the ball is hit straight back at the mound, the adult pitcher must try to get out of the way, being careful not to interfere with a fielders attempt to make a play on the ball. If at any time the adult pitcher intentionally interferes with a batted ball or a fielder, interference will be called and the ball will become dead immediately. The lead runner on the base will be called out at the time of the interference, and the other runners will be returned to the last base touched. If the adult pitcher is struck unintentionally by the ball, the ball will become dead the batter and all runners will be safe.
- E. There are no called strikes or balls when the coach is pitching. A batter cannot walk.
- F. If a batter has not put the ball in play after 3 pitches, the player will hit off a tee. The player will receive one swing off of the tee after 3 unsuccessful pitches or swings. If the swing off of the tee hits any part of the ball & the tee and the ball does not go fair, it will be treated as a foul ball and only one more attempt will be made. If the ball is not put in play on the next swing the player will be ruled out.
- G. Coach pitchers will not be allowed to talk to the defensive team on the field. Coach pitchers will also not be allowed to coach base runners.
- H. Adult pitcher may bring out a knee pad or ball bucket to sit on.
- I. Coaches will not be permitted to give extra pitches to their batters after 3 pitches have been made

### **II. Defense:**

- J. All teams will field a traditional 9 man defense (3 outfielders, 4 infielders, 1 pitcher and 1 catcher) plus 1 rover for a total of 10 defensive players
- K. The 3 outfielders must start each at bat at the edge of the outfield grass while the 4 infielders must start each at bat on the infield dirt. The rover may play anywhere defensively

### **III. Rules of Play:**

- L. There is no base stealing or leading off. Runners may not leave the base until the bat has made contact with the ball.
- M. There is no bunting.
- N. No score will be kept. (Already in our t-ball rules)
- O. 3 outs or 8 batters will still apply.