



## 2021 - 8U Community - Coach Pitch League Rules

1. All players will be given an opportunity to play each game.
2. Sportsmanship will be promoted at all times.
3. This league is a coach-pitch league with the emphasis on teaching the players the fundamentals of softball.
4. Nights of Play: Monday and Wednesday
5. Game start times will be at **6:00 PM & 7:15 PM** unless listed differently on the game schedules.
  - Game Length: Maximum Number of Innings—7 **or up to 1 hour 15 minutes**
6. **Game Dates are June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 and July 7 (10 games)**
7. Year End Bash – Scheduled for Friday July 9 @ Chaska Community Park (Time: TBD however planning for 5pm-8pm)
8. **Bat through the roster whether playing defense or not.** All players play equally and will experience every defensive position at least once during the year. All players will play at least 2 innings on defense. Suggestion is to have your batting lineup with different starting batters. (exp is after the 1<sup>st</sup> game the top 4 players go to the bottom the next game and then and continue that all year.)
9. Equipment:
  - Helmets with Face guards and Chin straps
  - Tennis shoes or rubber spikes
  - Team T-Shirt with Number
  - 11" soft sided Dudley Ball
10. Players
  - Game can be played with 6 players
  - After the line-up is turned in any new players coming go at the bottom of the list
  - Can play with more than 10 players but only 6 can play the infield. Rest of the players have to be at least 10' behind the base path.
11. Rain or Lightning—
  - a) Games must be **SUSPENDED** and all teams must leave the field **immediately** if lightning is witnessed. When considering resumption of an athletic activity, the teams must wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder before returning to the field or activity.
  - b) A game may be temporarily suspended if rain is intermittent.
  - c) In the case of continuous rain, a game is considered complete regardless of innings played.
12. In all Coach Pitch games, a half-inning will end when any of the following occurs:
  - a) The batting team scores four runs in that half-inning
  - b) The defensive team records three outs
  - c) The batting team has batted ten batters

- d) Pitching Circle The mound plate at 35'. The pitching circle is 8' from the center of the pitching mound. If no mound, measure out 35' from the back of home plate. The pitching pitcher can be outside the circle, but the fielding pitcher should be in the pitching circle.
13. At Bat:
- A batter is limited to a maximum of seven (7) pitches before the tee is brought out. The batter will then get 3 swings with the tee, for a total of 10 attempts. If no hit, the batter is considered out.
  - The batter gets an extra pitch if she fouls the 7th pitch, or all subsequent pitches that are fouled
    - NOTE: A foul ball that is legally caught by a fielder will be counted as an out. The batter is out.
  - Each team will bat until 3 outs are made or 4 runs are scored.
  - A batter may not run on a dropped 3 strike.
  - The Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
14. Bunting is not allowed.
15. All team members of the team at bat must remain behind the dugout screen or fence except the batter and the on deck batter who must remain in the on-deck circle until it is his time to bat. ( The on deck batter will remain on the BACK SIDE of the batter within a safe distance)
16. After hitting the ball or in attempting to do so, the batter will not be allowed to throw or toss the bat, Intentionally or unintentionally, in any manner
17. If a bat or helmet is thrown more than 10 feet, the batter will be called out after one warning. No runners will advance.
- A player who throws his bat will be out.
  - The ball will be dead.
  - All base runners will return to the base last touched at the time of the pitch.
18. Leading off and stealing are not allowed. No stealing, no coming home on a pass ball or wild pitch. One base advancement only on any overthrow.
19. **DEFENSIVE PLAY**
- The coach/parent who is pitching to his own batters shall be designated as the pitching pitcher. The defensive player who assumes the role as a fielder will be called the fielding pitcher.
  - The pitching pitcher must not make any deliberate attempt to field or interfere with a batted ball.
  - A batted ball that strikes the pitching pitcher (or the container of balls at the mound), will be considered live and in play, and should be played as any other batted ball.
  - Every defensive half inning, all players who did not participate defensively in the previous half inning **MUST** enter the game the next inning.
  - No player may play the same infield position. Alternate between infield/outfield
  - Coaches are highly encouraged to develop a player-rotation system for the entire season based on the roster. See rule 5 for an example.
  - The defensive team will provide a coach to back-up the catcher. Kids should be playing in the catching position for the season.
20. All head coaches and assistant coaches are required to complete Concussion Training prior to coaching any practices or games.

**Rain Out Numbers:**

Carver: [www.ccybsa.com](http://www.ccybsa.com)

Chaska: <https://www.cysafastpitch.com>

Chanhassen: [chanathleticassociationbaseball.assn.la](http://chanathleticassociationbaseball.assn.la)