



2022 LEGENDS

COACH PITCH SOFTBALL

RULES OF PLAY

8U Kid / Coach Pitch Rules

GAME PLAY:

- Games will last up to six (6) innings.
- Game time will last 75minutes. No new inning will be started after 60 minutes
- Coach Pitch first half of the season.
- Kid Pitch starting 3rd week of May
- Score will be kept for games.
- 5 runs maximum per half inning.
- Wins and losses will be tracked for proper seeding for the end of season tournament.

PITCHING:

- **ANY PLAYER PITCHING MUST WEAR A FACE MASK. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Pitching distance – 35'
- All pitches will be thrown underhand and will pitch from the pitching rubber.
- No pitcher will be called for a balk.
- If a pitcher hits a batter with a pitch, the batter will take first base unless bases are loaded. Walks will not be permitted. Once there are four called “balls”, then the coach from the hitting team will pitch with the batter having the pre-existing count. Players at this time will either strike-out or hit.

BATTING:

- All players will bat in order throughout the game. We encourage you to change batting order every game.
- A team will bat until it has made three (3) outs, or 5 runs are scored in that inning, whichever comes first.
- Bunting is not allowed.

FIELDING:

- Ten (10) players will be allowed in the field per inning with four (4) outfielders. (no less than 15 feet behind basepath).
- Players may re-enter the game at any position, any time.

BASE RUNNING:

- Base path distance - 60'.
- Base stealing is not allowed.
- Runner may not leave a base until the ball has been hit.
- Base runners may advance one base on an overthrow.
- When the ball is in possession of a player anywhere in the infield (breaking the plane of the base path), the play is dead and runners cannot move past the base they are heading to, unless another throw is made attempting to make a play on the runner.

COACHES/ UMPIRES:

- Batting team coaches will be positioned in 1st and 3rd base coaching positions and behind the pitcher to assist when coach pitching is required.
- Fielding team coach can be positioned behind home plate to assist the pitchers and catchers with pass balls and to coach defensive players, but cannot interfere with defensive plays.
- Umpires will call balls, strikes & outs.
- Walks will not be permitted. Once there are four called "balls", then the coach from the hitting team will pitch with the batter having the pre-existing count. Players at this time will either strike-out or hit. No walks will be issued when coach is pitching. Coaches are to pitch from the rubber (same distance as pitcher) and throw overhand (either kneeling down on the mound or standing) at a similar speed of the pitchers (trying to avoid lob balls). After contact, coach should move behind pitcher to not interfere with play. No buckets on the field to avoid injury and interference.