



2022 LEGENDS

COACH PITCH – 7U

RULES OF PLAY

## (7U) Kid/Coach Pitch Rules

### **GAME PLAY:**

- Games will last up to three (3) innings. Game time will last 1 hour. No new inning will be started after 45 minutes.
- Kid pitch first 2 innings of game, then coaches pitch remainder of game to speed up game. Coaches will pitch to their own kids.
- 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.

### **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.
- Each player must wear a helmet with face guard when hitting or running the bases.

### **Base Running:**

- No base stealing.
- Base runners 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.
- Base path distance - 60'

### **PITCHING & FIELDING:**

- Pitching distance – 34'.
- Players will play the designated positions in the infield, and teams may place up to 4 players in the outfield (no less than 15 feet from basepath).
- Kid pitch first 2 innings of game, then coaches pitch remainder of game to speed up game. Coaches will pitch to their own kids.
- All pitches will be thrown overhand and will pitch from the pitching rubber. No buckets on field with either kid or coach pitching.
- No pitcher will be called for a balk.
- A pitcher can pitch for no more than two (2) innings in a game. A pitcher can pitch no more than four (4) innings in a week.

- Once a player has pitched he may not re-enter the game and pitch again.
- 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 will pitch with the batter having the pre-existing count. Players at this time will either strike- out or hit.
- The pitcher remains in a fielding position while the coach is pitching.

### **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.
- Umpires will call balls, strikes & outs.
- Walks will not be permitted. Once there are four called “balls”, then the coach 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.