



8u Coach-Pitch Playing Rules:

- A. The defensive team must have a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 in the field.
- B. May bat entire lineup, with free defensive substitution. DP/Flex is not allowed.
- C. No bunting.**
- D. Maximum of 6 runs per inning.
- E. The PLAYER pitcher must have at least one foot in the pitcher's circle when the batter's coach is pitching. No other defensive players may be positioned inside the circle.
- F. 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes – Player may continue to bat if they continue to foul off pitches.
- G. The batter is OUT on a third strike whether caught or uncaught.
- H. No walks.
- I. Batters hit by the pitch will NOT be awarded 1st base.
- J. No infield fly will be in effect.
- K. Play is stopped when the progress of the lead runner is stopped. Time is called by the umpire.
- L. Highly recommended pitcher wear face guard.
- M. Base length will be 60 feet.
- N. If a runner is more than half-way to the next base when time is called, the runner will be awarded the next base. (Umpires judgement)
- O. Pitching rubber set at 35 feet. Coach must have one foot on rubber when pitching.
- P. Coach may not coach the batter-runner at ANY time. (Penalty: The batter is charged with a pitch)
- Q. A runner shall not steal a base.
- R. A runner who leaves a base on a pitch is at liability to be put out, even on a non-batted ball. She may return to her original base (unless forced to advance because the batter becomes a batter-runner), or she may attempt to advance to a subsequent base. However, if the ball is NOT batted, at the conclusion of a play involving a non-batter ball (i.e; an attempted pickoff), all OUTS STAND, but any runners not put out MUST return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
- S. The pitching coach must try to avoid interfering with the play.
- T. If a thrown ball hits the pitching coach, it is considered a live ball, unless the Umpire determined the coach intentionally interfered. If the umpire feels it was intentional, the lead runner is out, and the play is repeated.
- U. If the Pitching Coach is hit with a ball leaving the bat, all runners will return to their previous base and the batter will bat again.
- V. Run rules will be in effect for all games. 12, 10 and 8 after 3, 4 and 5.