



## 2021 Season – Coach Pitch Rules at a Glance

- Time Limit:** 1 hour, or 4 innings, whichever comes first. Time limit is “drop dead,” meaning that regardless of which team is batting, visiting or home, when the time limit is reached the game immediately stops.
- Home/Visitor:** Home team = 1<sup>st</sup> Base dugout; Visiting team = 3<sup>rd</sup> Base dugout
- Batting:** Regardless of how many players each team has, each batter bats once per inning. The manager may change the batting order every inning.
- Pitching:** The batter gets 4 hittable coach pitches to put the ball in play. After that, the tee is brought out.
- Player Rotation:** All players play in the field every inning. No player plays the same position twice. Every player plays at least 1 inning in the infield. No player plays in the infield twice before all players have played 1 inning in the infield.
- Outs:** There are no official outs in Coach Pitch for the 2021 Season. If a batter or runner is put out, that player will still be allowed to remain on base.

### Offense

- All offensive players must stay on the bench unless they are batting or are on base. A team parent or coach should be designated to assist in keeping the offensive players organized and ready to bat. Players should be ready to bat with helmets on.
- The ball is dead when there is an overthrow at any base.

### Defense

- 5 infielders and one pitcher are allowed in the infield. The pitcher must wear a batting helmet. No catcher. All other players must play in the outfield.

## Manager/Coaches

- A manager and 3 coaches are allowed in the dugout and on the field during a game. However, the manager at his discretion may allow as many adult “helpers” in the dugout or on the field as he deems necessary to maintain the safety and the focus of the players, offer instruction, and keep the game moving.  
**Note:** Adult “helpers” must either actively help or they should stay in the stands.
- One offensive coach shall pitch. One coach will act as catcher.

## Safety

- All safety measures and protocols related to COVID-19 transmission issued by SOLL must be followed by all players and coaches at all times.
- Batting helmet face cages are not required, but are encouraged.
- No siblings, batboys/girls, etc. allowed in dugouts.
- The pitcher must wear a batting helmet.
- No jewelry allowed, including necklaces.
- The on-deck position is not permitted outside the dugout.
- **No player may have a bat in his/her hand in the dugout/bench area.**
- No gum or food is allowed in dugout or on the field. Water or sports drinks only.

## Field Maintenance

- Home team manager gets the field ready, including making sure a tee is present.
- Visiting team manager is responsible for field clean-up after the game.
- Make sure your dugout and stands are clean for the next game.
- Managers of the day’s final game empty in-field trash cans into the main dumpsters, and also lock up field.