

CLARIFICATION OF 2 WALKS IN AN INNING RULE - MINOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

This rule applies per inning, not for each pitcher used in an inning.

After 2 walks in the inning, each batter that walks from then on, in that inning, remains at-bat. The batter does not advance to first.

A coach from the team at-bat is brought in to pitch to the batter.

The coach must pitch from the mound or inside the 8' circle, close to normal pitching distance, but does not have to use the pitching plate.

Baseball coaches should throw overhand and try to simulate “normal” pitching speed. Coaches should not “lob” pitches to the batter.

If the batter has 0 strikes, 1 strike is added to the count. If the batter already has 1 or 2 strikes, the strike count remains.

During coach pitch, the ball is live and runners may advance under normal stealing rules.

Once the 3rd walked batters at-bat is complete, a player returns to pitch to the next batter.

The pitcher continues to pitch until another batter walks. Then the process is repeated until the inning is over.

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