

2026 Coach Pitch Rules

1 hour and 15 minutes is allotted for Coach Pitch. Players will always practice for at least 30 minutes

3 full innings should be targeted for each game (a full inning shall consist of both team's batting and fielding per inning).

A half-inning is over when all the players have batted once. **Before July 4th**, after 3 outs in a half-inning, clear the bases, but continue to bat through full batting lineup. **After July 4th**, a half-inning is over when either 3 outs are made or 6 runs are scored.

Every player will bat and play in the field. A continuous batting order will be used for each team.

There are no walks or strikeouts. Players will get 5 pitches to make contact with the ball. If a player cannot make contact after 5 pitches, a tee will be used. **After July 4th, players who do not make contact with the ball after 5 pitches are out.**

The ball must land in fair territory, otherwise it is a foul ball, and the batter will hit again.

Bunting is not allowed.

Player stays on the base until the ball is hit. No stealing.

Runners may advance on a fair ball until the ball is returned to the pitcher (coach).

If an out is made, the runner leaves the base and goes back to the dugout. Outs will be called by the coaches.

Batting helmets must be worn when hitting or running the bases.

No fielding player should stand closer to the batter than the pitcher.

Scores are not kept.

While we do not have player-pitch at this age level, we highly encourage coaches to spend time in practice developing players' abilities to pitch and catch as we prepare them for the Minor (10U) League