



# Parent Overview: Softball Minors Coach Pitch Division (ages 7-8)

A Little League player's age is defined by that player's age on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

## What is Minors Coach Pitch?

The Softball Minors Coach Pitch Division is designed to help players continue developing their softball fundamentals in a fun, supportive, and instructional environment. It serves as a bridge between the introductory Tee Ball years and Minors Player Pitch Division.

## Purpose and Goals

At this level, the focus is on **skill development, teamwork, and confidence**. Coaches introduce players to live pitching (thrown by an adult coach) while maintaining an emphasis on learning the basics:

- Proper throwing, catching, and fielding techniques
- Batting from a live pitch with good stance and swing mechanics
- Understanding game rules and positions
- Practicing sportsmanship and teamwork

The division goal is for each player to improve, gain a love for the game, and feel prepared to advance to the next level of Little League play.

## Game Format

- **Pitching:** Coaches pitch to their own team to encourage success and keep the game moving. Players receive 4 pitches to put a ball-in-play, if not, player will then hit off the Tee. No walks or strike outs.
- **Batting Order:** All players are in the line-up, inning is 8 batters or 3 outs, whichever occurs first
- **Base Running:** Players may advance on hits, but no stealing or advancement on pass balls is allowed
- **Pre-Game Practice:** There will be 30 minutes of practice before each game
- **Game Length:** Games are 4 innings or 90 minutes, whichever occurs first.

## Equipment

Players should have:

- A glove, batting helmet, grey softball pants and cleats (league will provide team jersey and hat)
- A personal bat that meets Little League regulations (optional, as bats are available at the fields)

## Parent Involvement

Parent support is essential for a great season. Families can help by:

- Encouraging effort and positive attitudes
- Helping players arrive on time and ready to play
- Volunteering for team roles (Manager, Assistant Coach)
- Reinforcing skills and sportsmanship at home

## Key Takeaway

The Minors Coach Pitch Division is all about **learning, growing, and having fun**. Every child, regardless of skill level, has the opportunity to contribute, improve, and enjoy the game in a safe and encouraging environment.