



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 31st, 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.