



Rules for Boys 8U Coach Pitch

Offensive Rules

Each team bats all players present.

Six (6) pitches total. A batter will be allowed unlimited foul ball swings on the 6th pitch. Any batted ball that makes contact with the coach pitching is a dead ball and does NOT count as one of the six (6) pitches.

Batted ball must pass the 5-foot circle in front of home plate to be a live ball.

Pitching distance is **35 feet** (apex to front of rubber) The coach pitcher must position themselves with at least one foot on or behind the rubber to start their delivery to the batter. Pitching from one knee is allowed so long as it is from this distance.

There will be no intentional walks.

No sliding into first base. Player will be called out.

The Batter/Runner is limited to a maximum of one (1) base advancement on an overthrown/passed ball. All overthrown/passed balls are live unless the ball goes out of play, which will result in a “dead ball”. If the ball is overthrown, but not pronounced “dead”, the runner can advance, at their own risk, and can be called out. All other runners may also advance until play stoppage occurs.

Helmet with face mask is required for all batters.

Six (6) run limit per inning until unlimited runs in the last inning. **Little League run rule 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings.**

At the 1 hour and 20 min mark, managers should meet to discuss the last inning. For example, you are currently in the 4th inning, the 5th inning would be the last inning and thus unlimited runs.

Defense

No player shall sit out for two consecutive innings. No player shall play the same position for more than two innings per game. (can be nonconsecutive but not split by outs) The managers should establish a rotation that gives each player the opportunity to play and learn all positions. You do not have to rotate players in playoff games.

Plays are dead after the ball is controlled in the infield (player controlling the ball MUST have both feet in the dirt).

Outfielders must be standing in the outfield grass at least 10 feet back. 10 fielders in the field (4 in the outfield).

If a base runner has NOT passed the half-way point between bases, the runner must return to the previous base.

Helmets with facemasks must be worn by ALL pitchers. Helmets with facemasks OPTIONAL at first base. (Chest protectors are highly recommended but not mandatory)

NEW FOR 2025 – Pitchers must start the play with one foot in the circle.

Catchers are not necessary to play if a team is short on players for a game to avoid forfeit.

If a team only has 8 players for a game, game will be played without a catcher and one of the opponent's is permitted to play an outfield position and the short team can use an 8-man batting order.

Base coaches are to make the calls at first and third, defensive coaches make the call at second. If the catcher catches a pop-up it is an out **only** if the ball is above the head of the catcher.

Miscellaneous

Bats must have the **USA bat stamp** on it.

5 coaches per team. The offensive team may have 3 coaches on the field; one coach at first base, one at third base and one as the pitcher. The defensive team may have 2 coaches in the outfield to encourage and instruct their players. Coaches may not play the ball.

Only officially registered players of the team, the head coach and assistant coaches will be allowed in the dugout and on field during the game. No spectator shall be allowed in the dugout or on the playing field during the playing of the game.

All coaches must complete the background check even if they only plan to help in practices. Observers behind the plate must stay quiet or move to another location.

If any player, head coach or assistant coach conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner he/she will be issued one warning. Second offense will result in removal from the game and playing field. This includes the baiting or heckling of umpires and opposing players from the bench.

In the case of inclement weather, 3 complete innings will count as a full game. Games that have not met this will be rescheduled.

Teams will have 2 minutes in between innings to be ready defensively and offensively.

On school nights games should last 1 hour and 45 minutes maximum, however an additional 10 minutes will be added if currently in the unlimited runs inning to encourage finishing the game. Therefore, the drop dead would then be at 1 hour and 55 minutes. No time limit will be imposed after the school season is complete.

No officials will be used until the playoffs- managers must agree to a start and stop time prior to the first pitch being thrown.

Spectator Conduct

Positive team support is encouraged. Offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated. Each manager/coach is responsible for the conduct of all persons on his/her team or supporting his/her team. Fans are encouraged to cheer, encourage, and support both teams. They are expected to be courteous and set a good example for the players. If any spectator conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner he/she will be issued one warning. Second offense will result in removal from the game.

BOTH TEAMS NEED TO MAKE SURE THE DUGOUT, FIELD AND SPECTATOR AREA IS CLEANED UP AFTER EACH GAME

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