

## 8U COACH PITCH

Play will be governed by USSSA Rule Book, unless specified in this section.

1. Ball: 11-inch provided by league.
2. Player in pitchers position will be required to wear a face mask
3. The League Issued T-Shirt must be worn during Recreation Season. A \$75.00 penalty per game will be charged in the event the team does not wear league issued Shirt. If the fee is not paid the team will forfeit the following games until the fee has been paid.
4. Equipment can be checked out through the league. If a team chooses to use personal equipment it must have the NOCSAE stamp. Bats must have the USSSA thumb print.
5. 8U Team fee \$250
6. One (1) umpire will be provided by league
7. No scorekeeper or scoreboard in league, we don't keep score.
8. FCFA mandatory playing rule is in effect
9. Badges are to be worn by all coaching staff or anyone present in the dugout or assisting players.
10. **Innings:** A regulation game shall be five (5) innings.
11. **Time Limits:**
  - a. Games will be 60 Minutes (1 Hour)
  - b. Drop Dead in league
12. **Runs per Inning:** A maximum of 6 runs can be scored each inning by each team. Once the (6<sup>th</sup>) run has crossed the plate the ball is dead and play is ended.
  - a. **Run Rule: 12 after 3, 10 after 4 (Tournament Only)**
  - b. **If time has expired and either team is behind and can't catch up or go ahead, the game shall be over immediately. (Tournament Only)**
13. **Offensive Lineup:** The batting lineup may be any number from eight (8) to all players present. If any number less than (8) is present the game will be forfeited. An automatic out will be taken if only eight (8) batters. If any position in the batters order is left open due to injury, illness, or ejection it will NOT be an automatic out unless it drops the lineup down to eight (8). (note the use of a DP/Flex is not permitted, all players listed on lineup card will hit unless indicated as a Sub)
14. **Defensive Positions:** The defensive team must have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) defensive players in the field, but no more than six (6), including the catcher, can be positioned inside the infield baselines.
15. **Substitution:** There will be free substitution
16. **Lineup Card Must have player first & last name, jersey number**
17. **Batting:** The batter will receive (5) pitches or (3) swinging strikes, whichever occurs first. Each pitch will count as one of the (5) even if the batter does not swing. If the (5) pitch is hit foul the batter will remain at bat as long as they continue to foul off pitches.
  - a. **NO base on balls (Walks) awarded (even if hit by a pitch)**
  - b. **No bunting or slapping**
  - c. **NO infield fly rule, the ball remains "live" with all runners in jeopardy of being put out or advancing.**
  - d. **Coach pitch only:** The pitching coach must make an effort to avoid interfering with the play. If a coach interferes unintentionally with the batted ball and/or defensive play, the ball will be declared dead and the pitch replayed. If a coach interferes intentionally, the lead runner is out and the play replayed. If there are no runners, the batter is out.

- 18. Base Running:** a runner may not leave a base until the ball leaves the pitchers hand/pitching machine. Penalty for leaving early; runner will be called out. A runner who leaves a base on a pitch is at liability to be put out, even on a non-batted ball. She may return to her original base (unless forced to advance because the batter becomes a batter-runner), or she may attempt to advance to a subsequent base. However, if the ball is not batted, at the conclusion of a play involving a non-batted ball (i.e; an attempted pickoff), all outs stand, but any runners not put out must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
- 19.** A runner may not steal a base. At the conclusion of any play involving a NON-BATTED ball, the ball is dead, all advances shall be nullified, and the runners shall be returned to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. However, all outs shall stand.
- 20. Time** will be called when a defensive player has possession of the ball in advance of the lead runner or the ball is returned to the player pitcher with at least one foot on the side line of the pitcher's circle. If a runner is more than half way to the next base when time is called, the runner will be awarded the next base. If they are not half way to the next base when time is called they will be returned to the previous base safely. The defensive team may have a maximum of 3 defensive conferences per game.
- 21. Outs:** defense can record more than one out on a play.
- 22. Additional Coaches:**
- In addition to base coaches, only a coach in the pitcher's circle is allowed on the field of play. The coach pitcher must deliver the pitch with one foot in contact with the pitching plate. The pitching coach/machine pitch coach may only coach the batter prior to the pitch. He/she may not coach the batter-runner at ANY time. All remaining coaches are to remain in the dugout.
  - Coach pitch only: The pitching coach must make an effort to avoid interfering with the play. If in the umpire's judgment, a coach interferes unintentionally with the batted ball and/or defensive play, the ball will be declared dead and the pitch replayed. If in the umpire's judgment, a coach interferes intentionally, the lead runner is out and the play replayed. If there are no runners, the batter is out.
- No arguing with umpires when a call is made, it takes away from the game and is a distraction to the girls. Please refer to the Zero Tolerance Policy.**

### **Starting the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the season kid pitch will be implemented**

#### ***Kid/Coach Pitch only rules:***

- ~~1. Players that are in the pitching position will be able to throw (2) pitches to the batter.~~
- ~~2. After the (2) pitches, if the batter has not struck out or put the ball in play into fair territory, the batters coach will then pitch an additional 3 pitches (unless the ball is hit foul, the batter may continue until they either strike out or put the ball in play).~~
- ~~3. The youth pitcher can deliver the pitch from the front of the circle or from 30 ft.~~

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