

# Coach Pitch Softball Local Rules

## LITTLE LEAGUE RULES TO GOVERN ALL PLAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Games will be 6 innings or 1 hr & 15 min & finish that inning, complete drop dead time of 1 hr & 30 min, at which time the final score is taken from previously finished inning.
2. Ten players will occupy the field, with four in the outfield. All players present will be included in the batting lineup.
3. Each team must field at least eight players or they forfeit. Coaches will need to make every effort to play a scheduled game even if they do not have enough players. Once a forfeit is declared, please divide the remaining players and play.
4. Each inning will be made up of three outs or once through the lineup. The line-up number will be based on the team that has the highest number of players. For example, if team A has 10 players and team b has 7 players, 10 players batting will constitute once through the line-up. In this example, team b would bat 10 players or until they had 3 outs, whichever comes first.
5. All runs scored will count.
6. Any runner that is put out will go to the dugout.
7. A play is over when:
  - a. The ball is returned to the pitcher in the pitchers circle.
  - b. A batter strikes out (no hit after eight pitches).
8. Each batter will get eight pitches. If the 8th ball is fouled the batter receives another pitch. They continue to get pitched to until the last pitch goes fair or they strike out.
9. Coaches must have one foot inside of the pitching circle when pitching to any batter. Exceptions can be made if batter cannot hit from that far away, but we need to continue to build towards that goal of pitching from the circle.
10. A hash mark will be made midway between the bases. If a ball is returned to the pitcher before a runner crosses the hash mark, then the runner will return to their previous base. If a runner is more than halfway they will proceed to that base.
11. Runners will be allowed one base on an over-throw.
12. Home Team will sit on First Base Side and will be responsible for providing an announcer and scorekeeper.