



MLB COACH PITCH LEAGUE AGES 6-8



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Rules of Play

- Players on a team – 8 minimum, 15 maximum
- Teams must only play with players listed on their roster.
- The FCPR Waiver must be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian before the child may participate in the program
- Home team is determined by the park at which the game takes place. Visiting team bats at the top of the inning; home team at the bottom of the inning. If neither team is from the game location coaches agree on home/away
- 60' base paths; Pitching rubber- Approx 45' (can be imaginary)
- An imaginary playing line is between first base and third base. No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit
- Safety helmets must be worn by batter, on deck batter, and fielding catcher (not squatting directly behind plate or in full gear)
- Gloves – all fielders must wear a glove. Athletic footwear must be worn; Molded rubber cleats are permitted. No metal cleats
- LENGTH OF GAME - 4 complete innings or 60 minutes (10 batters or three outs) Which ever happens first.
- On balls hit to the outfield, all runners will stop at the base they are advancing to when the ball is returned to the infield from the outfield including last batter. On infield plays, runners will stop at the base they are advancing to when an infielder has control of the ball. If a runner does get thrown out I recommend letting the runner stay on base but will still count as an out.
- DEFENSIVE LINE-UP (11) Players on field each inning. 1st Base, 2nd Base, Shortstop, 3rd Base. Defensive Pitcher; pitcher must remain within 6 feet of the pitcher's mound until batter has made contact with the ball. Defensive Catcher; catcher must remain at least 6 feet behind plate until batter has made contact with the ball. (5) Outfielders; spaced equally apart and equal distances from home plate. Coach and assistant coach can be on the field. No player can be on the bench for two consecutive innings.
- Coach will pitch to his own team. Coach must have one foot on the pitcher's rubber. If you need to get closer to the batter that is fine.
- No base on balls given. Batter either hits ball or strikes out. (1) swing required per (3) pitches. Every 3rd pitch will be a called strike if not swung upon. (9) pitches maximum. No bunting, stealing or Infield Fly Rule. Runners may not leave the base until batter has made contact with the ball. Overthrows: All runners advance one base. An overthrow is any ball which goes beyond the backstop line parallel to the baseline.
- Innings: Each inning will end after 6 batters, or half of the team has batted. Each player should bat at least once a game depending on roster size.
- SLIDING—Only permitted if wearing baseball/long pants. No head first slides into any base.



Cancellation Line Info: If the weather is questionable, please call 301-600-6291 (option 2). This line will be updated if there are any cancelations. A Standard greeting means practices/games are on

If a practice date happens to be rained out it will be not be made-up.

Game rainouts will be re-scheduled on a Sunday OR during the week at the end of the season

