

Official 2021 Spring Baseball 5/6 Year Old Coach Pitch Rules

- 5 innings played, the game is complete. No inning can start after a 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- 5 runs maximum per team, per inning, or 3 complete outs per half inning, whichever comes first.
- Each batter will get 6 pitches to put the ball in play. If a play is on his/her 6th pitch, and continues to foul pitches off, then they continue their at bat until a ball is put into play, or a strikeout has occurred.
- Continuous batting order is MANDATORY, meaning if a coach has 14 players, all 14 will bat before the lineup officially turns over to the leadoff hitter.
- Players playing the pitching position MUST wear a batting helmet at all times, and they must start their position inside the pitcher's circle on the field.
- Outfielders must start their position in the outfield grass.
- 10 defensive players are allowed on the field at one time, along with a maximum of 2 coaches on the field for instructional purposes.
- Base runners may only advance once the ball is put into play.
- If a base runner is on first, and a batter hits a ball to the outfield grass, whether in the air, or through the infield both in the air, and on the ground, the LEAD base runner can only advance 2 bases, which would be 3rd. If a base runner is on 2nd, he can advance home. That is as far as the base runner can go.
- The **ONLY** time an overthrow/underthrow is recognized is when it is made at 1st base. All runners may advance one base at the risk of getting out. If there is an overthrow at 2nd or 3rd no runner may advance.
- Coaches who are pitching to batters, must pitch at a minimum distance of 30 feet. A good distance visual would be at the front portion of the pitcher's circle.
- A coach pitcher DOES NOT have to wear a matching uniform in order to pitch.
- Any issues addressed during the game, should be discussed by the HEAD COACH only. This leads to a great example for how situations can be handled on the field with coaches, players, and umpires properly.
- Any rule issues that may or may not need adjusting or changed, can be brought up with the League Representative for discussion. Rules CAN be adjusted and changed to make the style of play more accommodating for the overall play for the kids.
- All teams, at the start of, and the completion of a game, must have a minimum of 8 players.
 - If only 9 players are on the team there will be No penalty for counting an out for the 10th hitter.
 - Due to COVID , if you have only 8 players the 9th batter will NOT be counted and the batting order goes back to the top of the lineup. THIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING TOURNAMENT GAMES
 - If a team has 7 players or less, then for the win/loss standings and seedings, will credit the team with enough players, a 1-0 victory. Coaches at that time, can structure the teams (borrow/swap players, etc.) in order to play a physical game at the games start time. This is the most fair way of putting a rule in effect in order to give an actual decision to the outcome of a game that is fair to everyone involved.
- All standard baseball rules will be in effect that have not been mentioned in the above rules.
- Coaches are responsible for their parents and players. If a parent can not be controlled and coaches make no attempt to defuse them the parent and coach will be ejected from the game.