

Florida District 1 2019 Coach Pitch Baseball Interleague Rules/Tournament Rules

The Presidents of the Florida District One Little League approved these rules for play on 17 Feb 2019. These supplemental rules are to be used in conjunction with the 2019 Little League Baseball rulebook and this is therefore not a stand-alone document.

1. Placement of Coach Pitcher/ Player Pitcher (see Attachment 1)

- a) A 6 foot Pitchers line will be drawn 36 feet from the front edge of home plate. The Player Pitcher will stand either on the right or left side of the coach on the line.
Note: At least one foot of the Player Pitcher shall remain in contact with the 6 foot Pitchers line until the ball is released by the Coach Pitcher.
- b) A 10 foot radius circle will be drawn around the center of the Pitching Line.
- c) The Player Pitcher shall wear a Batting Helmet which meets NOCSAE standards. A facemask, if worn, must be permanently attached using the manufacturers' guidelines. Pursuant to rule 1.17; Skull Caps are not permitted for use.

2. Rulings Involving the Coach Pitch/Circle

- a) The Coach Pitcher shall be an approved volunteer
- b) Pitches shall be thrown overhand
- c) The Coach Pitcher shall not coach in any manner during their half of the inning.
- d) If in the judgment of the umpire the Coach Pitcher interferes with a play in progress, the umpires will declare a "Dead Ball" and will take such action as the Umpire deems appropriate to nullify the interference.
- e) No play is dead until the Player Pitcher has control of the ball inside the circle **or** the Umpire has called time. If a runner has passed a base when the Player Pitcher has gained possession of the ball the runner may advance at their own risk.
At no time shall any defensive player be stationed in front of the 6 foot pitchers line before a pitch is thrown. All defensive players shall remain behind the line until the ball is released by the Coach Pitcher. **Note:** During special games tournament play, each team will bring designated Coach Pitchers (suggested 2). Their only purpose is to pitch.

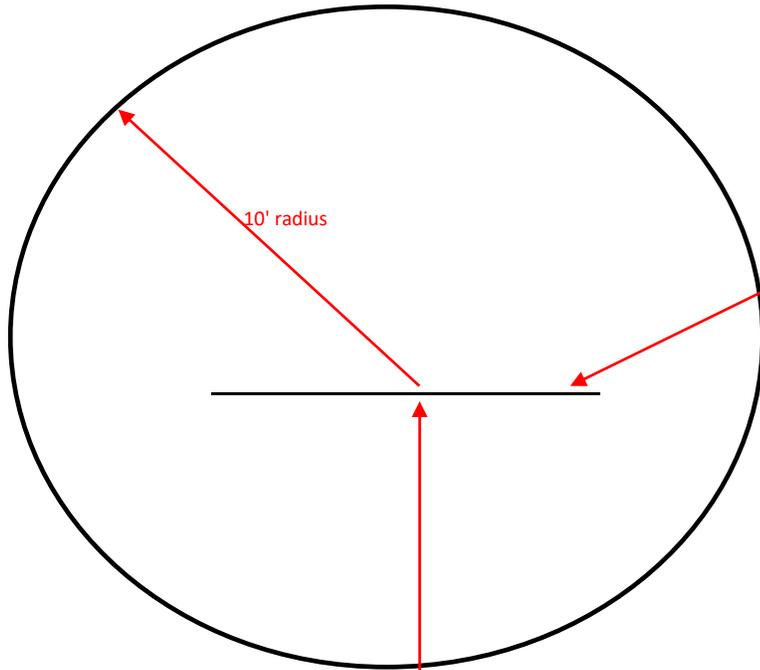
- 3. Teams will play with ten players on the field. If a team is unable to field 10 players, they may play with nine players. The defensive team will have four outfielders if playing with ten players. All outfielders will play at outfield depth (no closer than 10' from the infield dirt on a normally skinned infield). No short fielder or extra fielder will be allowed.

4. The offensive team will be retired when they have accumulated three outs or five runs whichever comes first.
Note: During Special Games the five run rule will be suspended for the sixth inning (and extra innings if necessary).
5. Each batter will receive four pitches or three strikes to get a hit.
 - a) There will be no called balls or walks. If it is obvious, to the umpire, that the ball cannot be hit, the umpire will call “No Pitch” and award the batter an additional pitch. A “No pitch” is a dead ball situation.
 - b) There will be no called strikes. However, missed swings and foul balls count as strikes. Foul balls on third strike or fourth pitch do not count against the batter just as in Little League Baseball. If a bunted ball on a third strike or fourth pitch goes foul, the batter is out.
6. Runners may advance in accordance with rule 7.13. This rule will be implemented **ONLY** during tournament play at the Special Games. During all regular season - interleague games, runners are not allowed to advance unless the ball is hit.
7. **Infield Fly rule:** Will not apply.
8. **Bunting:** Will be allowed.

Approved By: //Signed//
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17 Feb 2019

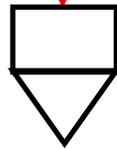


Normal Pitching Plate
(Majors & Below)
46' from point of plate



Players must remain behind this line until the ball is released. Left or right of the coach pitcher is acceptable.

36' from front edge of home plate



Attachment 1