

## Coach Pitch

You have graduated from tee ball and looking forward to something a little more challenging. Welcome to machine and coaches pitch. If you enjoyed tee ball, then you will love this next step. While it may not seem like much, kids do progress a lot during these years. Coaches pitch drills and machine pitch drills will be a notch above tee ball drills.

Leagues across the country do coaches pitch and machine pitch a little differently. Some have coaches pitch first, and others have machine first. Since coach's pitch is more like live pitching, I would suggest coaches pitch last, just before the boys move on to kid pitch. But either way works out fine.

## **Different Rules For Different Areas**

And rules for this level also differ across the country. The level of play is pretty laid back, so there are not many arguments over rules, just be sure you have a good understanding of them. Most coaches pitch and machine pitch leagues nowadays do not even keep score. Player development and enjoyment should be the only emphasis with coaches pitch and machine pitch.

Coaches pitch drills and machine pitch drills should be a step up from tee ball. Most kids will come from tee ball knowing how to run the bases. Your first couple of practices you might have base running drills just as a refresher course. But hopefully you won't need to run that drill for long.