

# Coach Pitch – District 5 West RULES

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1. Official game is \*five (5) innings. No new inning will start after 1 hour from the start of the game. **No exceptions. The next games must start on time.**
2. Coaches should have their players warming up and stretching before the end of the previous game. Each team will get ten (10) minutes of infield, starting with the visiting team. **The next games must start on time.**
3. Pitching distance 40 feet. The player in the pitcher position may play no closer to the batter than that.
4. Base distance 55 feet.
5. A regular hardball baseball will be used.
6. A half inning will consist of three (3) outs or nine (9) batters, whichever comes first.
7. All dressed players will bat in consecutive order throughout the entire game (bat the roster).
8. Batter gets six (6) pitches to hit the ball. If the ball is not hit fair in six (6) pitches the next batter will bat. This does not count as an out. There are no strikeouts. **NO MORE THAN six (6) PITCHES!**
9. To insure defensive participation and training, all dressed players must play at least **\*two (2)** defensive innings. They need not be consecutive.
10. Each team is allowed 10 players on the field. **No exceptions.**
11. Each team is permitted three (3) coaches in the field. One (1) pitching and the other two (2) positioned behind the base path. They may coach the players, but not physically assist them.
12. Base runners may not lead off.
13. On a ball hit off of a pitch, the base runners may advance until the ball is returned to the infield. **Please stop all runners once the ball is in the infield!**
14. All catchers must wear protective cup and throat guards. No one will be permitted to catch without this equipment.
15. Home team will provide the bases.