



Coach Pitch Baseball Rules and Regulations

Welcome to Orlando SAY Baseball Coach Pitch Division. The Coach Pitch division is strictly instructional baseball, to teach each player how to swing a bat, catch a ball, throw the ball, and how to run the bases. The focus of all the coaches in the Coach Pitch division shall be on instruction.

RULES OF PLAY

1. No inning will be started after one hour and 50 minutes past the official start time. Both scorekeepers will agree and record this start time.
2. There is a standing batting order. Each player must come up to bat when their name is up, regardless of whether they played in the field or on the bench that inning. If a player fails to come up to bat when it is their time, it could result in a forced out.
3. Each player must play a minimum of four (4) innings per game, of which two (2) innings must be consecutive in the field, infield or outfield, prior to the fifth inning.
4. To encourage rotation of player, no player shall remain at the same defensive position more than two innings.
5. No player shall remain in the infield more than four (4) innings.
6. Each player must play (2) innings in the infield;
 - a. The catcher's position is limited
 - i. (1) inning if the player is only scheduled for 2 Infield positions
 - ii. (2) innings if the player is scheduled for 3 or more Infield positions
7. Each coach shall present the opposing coach with a copy of his or her standing batting order with first and last names and jersey numbers and fielding rotation schedule. All score books are collected by Babe Ruth District 2 times during the season and incomplete information can result in All Stars ineligibility.
8. Any coach that does not follow the rotation rules as outlined, during any game, will be reported to the Board of Directors and Division Director for possible disciplinary action.
9. No base stealing, base lead offs, or infield fly rule will be allowed.
10. The coach that is pitching may instruct the batter whenever necessary. The coach must leave the field of play as soon as the ball is hit and remain off field until the play has been called dead by the umpire.
11. Pitchers cannot pitch the ball any closer than atop of the 20' foot Tee Ball Arch in front of home plate.
12. First and third base coaches must be adults (18 years or older). There should be an adult in the dugout at all times.
13. Coaches cannot touch the runner on the base during an active play. If the coach touches the runner, the play will stop and the runner(s) will go back to their previous base. Umpires will be instructed to enforce this rule. Don't touch the runners!
14. No one on the playing field will tell another batter to "swing", although normal "chatter" is allowed.
15. If only eight (8) players are present, the game will be played with eight (8) players. Less than eight Players will result in forfeiture. All attempts should be made to obtain substitute players from other teams.
16. All players on the field will be placed in a standard baseball configuration before each new batter receives their first pitch. Outfielders will be on the grass before the umpire will allow play to resume.
17. The play will stop when an infielder has the ball and stops the Lead Runner.

- a. He/she cannot be an outfielder who stops the play or tags the runner out.
 - b. If a ball is hit to an infielder who is in front of the lead runner, the play is not dead as long as the infielder is in motion to make a play.
 - c. It will be up to the umpire's discretion to when the play is dead.
18. If a ball goes outside the fence or into a dugout off a fair hit ball, or due to an overthrow, the runner(s) will be limited to one extra base.
19. If an overthrow is made while trying to make a play at first base and goes well beyond the immediate reach of the first baseman, or a player backing up first base, the runner(s) will be limited to one extra base.(This is for a force out at first)
- a. The ruling of an over throw at first base will be up to the Umpires discretion to make the call.
20. Outfielders cannot get a runner out by tagging, or by making a force out, the outfielders need to get the ball to an infielder to make the play.
- a. It is encouraged to teach the outfielders to throw the ball into the cut offs
 - b. If necessary they can hand the ball to an infielder to make the play
21. A chalk line is to be placed half way between each base, except home and first. This aids the umpire in determining which base to grant the runner. Once the umpire calls time, (Example: If a base runner has passed the halfway mark on the base paths, runner will assume the next base (second, third or home). If a runner has not passed the halfway mark on the base path the runner will return to the previous base occupied by him (first, second, third)). The umpire makes the final judgment and should not be disputed.
22. A batter will receive 5 pitches maximum, if the batter fouls the 5th pitch he/she will continue to bat until he or she hits the ball into play, is struck out or fails to swing.
- a. A batter after their 2nd strike will have the option of hitting off of the Tee.
 - i. Each batter will be allowed to swing at the ball until they hit a ball in fair territory or have one (1) complete misses of the ball or two (2) foul balls.
 - 1. A foul shall be called if a ball hit into foul territory.
 - 2. A foul shall be called if the bat hits the tee without hitting the ball.
23. When at bat, a batter may not throw their bat. If the bat is thrown by the batter and does not hit another person, they will be given a warning. If someone is hit by the bat then it will be an automatic out. If the batter, at the same at bat, throws the bat a second time and does not hit anyone it's considered an out. If the batter throws the bat a second time during the game and hits another person it will be up to the umpire's discretion if the player will continue to play for the remainder of the game.
24. All games will be limited to a maximum of (6) innings
25. There is a (4) run limit per inning in the first five-(5) innings with an 8 run limit in the sixth inning.
26. All Games will Play 6 innings unless out of time.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

1. All Coaches are expected to follow ALL ORLANDO SAY RULES and to help enforce these rules at practice and at the games. This includes the rules on SMOKING, FOUL LANGUAGE and PETS. As a coach, you represent ORLANDO SAY to the parents and players on your team, any coach who consistently disregards the rules set forth by the Board of Directors will not return as a coach the next season and may be asked to relinquish their coaching position during the current season. Head coaches are held responsible for the actions of their assistant coaches, team parents, and spectators.
2. If a player misses multiple practices or if there is a disciplinary concern, the coach should bring the situation to their division director for further clarification on whether the player is allowed to participate in the next game.
3. All players on all teams will be uniformed dressed with league-supplies shirts, hats and socks and parent-supplied baseball pants (color determined by the team and will be consistent throughout the team. The helmet may only have a decal with the player's team, name or number. Players not dresses accordingly will not be allowed to play.
4. The Coach Pitch Division will use the Restricted Flight Ball (RIF #5).

5. All base receptacles will be cleaned before bases are installed.
6. Both teams are responsible for picking up trash in the dugouts taking trash to the concession stand/dumpster after each game and returning an empty trash bag to the receptacle.
7. Home teams are responsible for Keep the official book and turning it into the umpire/concession stand after each game for posting of the game Stats.
8. A defensive coach may be placed in center field contained to the coach's box unless there's potential interference with a live ball. If a live batted ball hits a center field coach the ball is dead and the batter is awarded second base. The umpire will use his/her discretion on whether to advance any other runners. If a non-batted live ball hits the center field defensive coach, the ball becomes dead, and the runners will be awarded the next achievable base.
9. If a live ball hits the coach pitching, the ball is a dead ball and the batter is allowed another try.
10. The pitcher must start with at least one foot inside the pitcher's circle until the ball is put in play.
 - o The starting position of all other defensive players* must begin behind the back of the pitchers circle. *The exception is catcher.

Team Responsibilities

- **Home Team Responsibilities:**
 - The home team is determined by the official league schedule.
 - Supplying two (2) new baseballs to the Head Umpire. (Retrieved From Concession Stand)
 - Providing an Official Scorekeeper. Official scorebook retrieved from concession stand. List Players Full Names - Record keeping function are defined as Official Game Roster, Official Start Time of Game, outs, runs per inning, proper batting order of teams and maximum runs per inning.(To be returned to the Concession Stand after the game)
- **Both Team Responsibilities:**
 - Setting up the field and getting ready for the game. Rake if needed and chalk baselines, batters boxes, Tee Ball Arch. Placing Home Run Fence and bringing out Catchers gear from the equipment room
 - Cleanup Trash in the Dugout and around the Bleachers
 - When Trash Cans are ¾ full - Take trash out to dumpster. Trash cans in dug-outs and cans between bleachers. Dumpster located behind minor field (right field fence parking lot)
- **Both Closing Teams Responsibilities:**
 - Place Catchers gear and other Equipment in the equipment room.
 - Take down Home Run Fence (Last Scheduled Teams On Saturday),

Appendix A - Offense & Defense Coaching Positions:

