

# Bluffton Youth Sports



## Coach Pitch Rules

### LENGTH OF GAME

1. One (1) hour or four (4) innings. If an inning starts prior to the expiration of the time limit, the inning will be complete; no new inning will start after the time limit expires. An inning will consist of batting through the entire line-up for both teams. Try to put your best hitter last, so he/she can clear the bases. The time limit for the first game will begin at the scheduled start of the game. All other game time limits will begin with the start of the actual game.

### NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD

1. There will be a maximum of 10 players on the field. No player shall sit on the bench more than 1 (one) inning. The number of players in the infield should be no more than seven. The coaches will use their best judgment whether to start a game if the other team has only 7 players or less.
2. Two Coaches are allowed on the field to assist the players on defense. Coaches will not interfere with the ball while it is in play unless it is necessary.
3. No player may line up in front of the pitcher with the exception of the catcher.

### THE GAME

1. The pitcher cannot tag any runner out. He/She must throw the ball to the base, including home plate. This includes force-outs.
2. Coaches will stop play by calling time out when the ball is in control within the infield baselines.
3. Runners may advance one base on an overthrow to a base.

### BATTERS

1. Every team shall bat completely through the order. After an out is made the batter shall return to the dug out.
2. Late players will be added to the end of the line-up.
3. The coach shall pitch 5 (five) pitches. After 5 (five) pitched balls the batter must hit from the tee. The tee shall remain behind the catcher at all times. Only in extreme situations should the coach assist the batter in swinging the bat. (After the batter has swung the bat and missed the ball on the tee three times.)
4. If a player throws the bat he will be required to return and bat again.

### PLAYING FIELD

1. Bases shall be 60 Feet.
2. The pitcher's mound shall be 30 Feet from the point of home plate. The player playing the pitcher's position must remain in the circle until contact has been made with the ball.