

Modified COACH PITCH SOFTBALL
Spring 2011 SEASON LOCAL SOFTBALL RULES

ALL PLAY IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE BY THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS:

DIVISION BASICS

- No standings will be kept in this division. **The scoreboard will not be on.**
- Statistics will be kept and the manager should keep a scorebook.
- A little league approved 11" softball will be used for all games.
- Time limit is one hour and thirty minutes (**1 hour 30 minutes**) from the time of the first pitch. No inning can start after the time limit.
- Innings are: **3 outs or bat the bench**, Whichever comes first. No six run rule as this focuses on the score.
- Coaches must deliver pitches from inside the circle. The player pitcher must stay in the circle and behind the coach until the ball is hit or crosses the plate.
- **One additional parent is required in the dugout** per little league rules (Dugout Parent). i.e.: changing catcher equipment, keeping batting order straight.
- **1 Manager and 2 OFFICIAL coaches are allowed on the field.** Coaches are part of the field, if the ball hits them it is still alive.

BATTING

- All players placed in batting order (bat the bench).
- Batters may receive three(3) pitches from girl pitcher and three (3) pitches from coach to bat a fair ball. The batter is out after three (3) swinging strikes or six(6) pitches. The batter can foul an unlimited amount of foul balls.

A batter who is hit by a girl pitch ball, will get to take her base. Please teach the girls to make an effort to get out of the way of a pitched ball.

After three pitches from the girl pitcher, the offense coach will pitch to his own player. The batters count will start over when the coach begins to pitch.

In an effort to speed up the game, the offensive pitching coach will remain on the field at all times. She must make every effort to get out of the way of a hit ball or a defensive play.

- Pick up players must bat last in the line up.

PITCHING

- **Girls will pitch from the 35' pitching rubber. She may do the full wind up or a sling shot throw. She will get three pitches per batter.(or more if foul balls)**

FIELDING

- Maximum 11 on defense. 6 players play in the infield and up to 5 players in the **grassy** section of the outfield.
- All players must play infield a minimum of two innings. This **MUST** be accomplished in the first four innings. The only exception is if you have 13 or more players. In this case you should have 12 players that have played their 2 innings by the 4th inning and the 13th should have their 2nd inning by the 5th inning.
- **No player can play the same position more than twice in a game.**
- Outfielders should not run the ball all the way in when a ball is hit to the outfield. They must be taught to correctly throw or relay the ball in.
- No player sits the bench in consecutive innings unless they are injured. No player may sit out for a second inning until all other players have sat out for at least one inning. The players to sit out twice in a game are to be rotated among the entire team and not concentrate on any particular player(s).

BASE RUNNING

- Catcher may have a substitute runner in order to speed up the game.
- The play is over once the KID pitcher has possession of the ball in the circle. At this point **ALL BASERUNNERS MUST STOP AND RETURN TO THE PRIOR BASE** unless they are more than halfway to the next base. (Obviously excluding running to first base).
- **No stealing of bases is allowed.**

IT IS EXPECTED THAT PLAY AND CONDUCT WILL BE SPORTSMANLIKE. NO EXCEPTIONS! This division is about learning the game, improving skills, having fun and providing a positive experience. It is not about winning and losing. At no point should a call or a play be argued on the field. If there is a conflict then this **MUST** be handled in a calm manner.