

Coach Pitch (7 and 8 year old)

Field Specifications:

Bases	60 feet with hash marks at 33 foot Arc from 1 st to 3 rd base
Home plate to 2nd	84 feet 10 inches
Pitching Rubber	Front edge set at 42 feet from the rear point of home plate.

1. The pitching coach shall keep one foot on the pitching rubber at all times while pitching. The pitching coach must throw the baseball in an overhand method

Penalty: If the coach violates this rule the coach will be warned if it occurs again the coach will be removed from pitching for the remainder of the game.

2. The Pitching coach may talk to the batter until the player becomes a batter/runner. At that time the pitching coach must not talk to any player on the field until the play is complete and time is called.

3. The pitching coach shall position himself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any possible play once the ball has been hit.

Penalty: If the coach violates this rule after the ball is pitched, obstruction will be called and the runners will return to their base before the at bat and the hitter will be out. If a coach violates this rule before the ball is pitched, First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: Removal of coach as the pitcher for the remainder of the game.

4. The catcher shall receive the pitch in the catcher's box in a normal baseball manner. If in the Umpire's judgment, the catcher is not receiving the ball in a normal baseball manner, there shall be a warning issued. If the act continues after the warning, the offending teams' manager shall be ejected.

5. The player in the pitching position will be on either side of the coach pitching with one foot on the hash mark which is three foot from the pitching rubber.

1. To be eligible for the 7-year-old division a player may not turn 8 before Jan 1st of the current year.
To be eligible for the 8-year-old division a player may not turn 9 before Jan 1st of the current year.
For Fall you must play the age group you will play the next spring.
2. Regulation games shall be 5 innings, unless game time has expired.
3. Three innings (2 1/2 innings if home team is ahead) constitutes a complete game if the game has to be called for any reason other than the run rule or time limit (i.e. inclement weather, power failure, etc.).
4. We will not have a fair ball arch.
5. No intentional walks will be allowed
6. Only 6 runs may be scored in an inning or 3 outs to complete an inning, whichever comes first. For Fall we will only allow 5 runs an inning or 3 outs to complete an inning, whichever comes first.
7. If a team is leading its opponents by at least 13 runs after 3 innings (2 ½ innings if home team is ahead) have been played or at least 7 runs after 4 innings (3 1/2 innings if home team is ahead), the game shall be terminated and the team ahead is declared the winner.

8. All players will be placed in the lineup of the scorebook and all players will bat. If a player becomes sick after the start of the game, a line shall be marked through their name for their bats thereafter with no penalty. If a player arrives late, their name shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
9. Batter will receive 5 pitches or three swinging strikes whichever comes first. No base on balls (walks) are allowed. If on the 5th pitch, the ball is hit into foul territory, the batter may continue to receive pitches until he either strikes out or puts the ball into play.
10. Bunting is allowed. Once a batter shows bunt, they must either bunt the ball or take the pitch. Penalty: If the batter swings, the batter/runner is out, the play is called "DEAD", and all runners must return to their previously occupied base.
11. Runners shall not lead-off or steal bases. A runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is hit or reaches home plate
12. The batter may not advance on a third strike pitch dropped by the catcher
13. If a fielder halts the progress of the lead runner, the umpire shall call "TIME". All runners must return to the base last touched prior to "TIME" being called. If the runner has advanced past the 30-foot mark, then they may advance to the next base.
14. Ten (10) defensive players shall play in the field with four (4) outfielders. The fourth (4th) outfielder shall not assume an infield position. All outfielders shall stay at least 10 feet behind the bases.
15. A courtesy runner for catcher of record only the previous inning may be used. The courtesy runner shall be the player that made the previous out. If no outs have been recorded in the game, the courtesy runner shall be the previous batter not on base. If the team batting has not played defense yet and a courtesy runner is used for a player, the player that was run for must assume the catching position the next inning. This scenario only applies in the first inning for the visiting team.
16. If rules are not listed here then they will default to USSSA rules first then to NFHS, then to Official Rules of Baseball.