

2017
Softball Rules
Coach Pitch

1. Games are six innings. No inning may start 1 ½ hours after the start of the game.
2. Up to 12 players (all players) on the field; 4 infield, 6 outfield, pitcher and catcher (coach can catch if needed).
3. The distance between bases is 60 feet.
4. On any infield hit, the maximum distance is first base. If the ball goes into the outfield, use judgment, stop at 2nd base. Play stops when ball is controlled by infielder and no play is being made.
5. A team's time at bat consists of no more than 3 outs or once through the batting order, whichever comes first. (teams can have batters match up to accommodate discrepancies in team number: i.e.: team of 8 players will bat 2 additional batters when against a team of 10 players)
6. No stealing, bunting, passed balls, or dropped third strike.
7. Runner cannot leave a base until the ball has been hit by the batter.
8. Pitching can be done by coach or player (pitcher) only if coaches agree.
9. Pitching distance is 35 feet. It can be modified for coach pitching.
10. Strike zone is shoulders to knees
11. If a pitcher (player) is pitching, they can throw up to 4 pitches to a batter.
12. When the pitch count reaches 4, the batting team's coach finishes pitching to the batter, carrying the strike count but only 4 more pitches
13. Up to 3 coaches may assist with their team on the field for defense
14. When coach pitches, batter is out after 3 swinging strikes or 8 pitches, unless the last pitch is fouled off or the pitch is bad.
15. When coach pitches, the playing pitcher must be even with or behind the rubber until the ball is hit
16. Good sportsmanship is expected
17. REMEMBER- This is a league in which learning and having fun are the priorities. Winning is not a priority
18. Rules are guidelines, flexible between coaches, as agreed
19. 11 inch "soft" (safety) ball will be the official ball used
20. Scorebook will be used for the sole purpose of organization, not score.