

Sioux Empire Baseball Association

Modified Coach Pitch Rules

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The Modified Coach Pitch division sponsored by Get N Go is for players who are currently in Kindergarten or typically the age of six (6) years old. Teams are formed first by the child's attending school and then by other criteria so that each team has a maximum roster of 13 whenever possible. A defensive player rotation is used. Three outs or six batters. An adult pitches to the batter five pitches. If the batter does not hit one of the five pitches, the player then has an opportunity to hit off the tee. Games are four innings or one hour in length. If after four innings are complete and time remains, an additional fifth inning may be played upon approval by both coaches. Each player will have an opportunity to bat at least twice in each game. No scores or standings are kept. All players receive a trophy at the end of the season.

1. Team Composition

- a. Modified Coach Pitch is intended for children currently in kindergarten as of registration or typically the age of six (6) years old.
- b. Approximately 12 players per team.
- c. Teams will be formed by school first then by zip code when applicable.
- d. Coaches will have their sons/daughters play on their team unless requested otherwise

2. General - Regular baseball rules will be followed, with the exceptions noted.

- a. Games are four (4) innings with no new inning after one hour.
- b. NO scores or standings will be kept.
- c. Safety baseballs will be used.
- d. Bases will be 50 feet apart.

3. Fielding

- a. All players will play defense each inning.
- b. Each player **MUST** play an infield position at least two (2) innings per game.
- c. No more than six infielders at any one time. The remaining players will play in the outfield.
- d. A defensive player shall stand in the pitcher's position next to the coach pitching and field hit balls.
- e. If a Coach pitcher is hit by a batted or thrown ball, the ball shall remain live. Should the coach intentionally interfere with the batted ball, the ball will be replayed. Should the coach intentionally interfere with a thrown ball, the play shall stop and runners will return to the base they just left.
- f. Outfielders must be in the grass.
- g. Coaches are encouraged to be on the field during the inning.

4. Batting

- a. All pitching is to be done by the offensive team. Coaches will pitch in an overhand fashion one knee or sitting on a stool.
- b. Pitches shall be made with the desired result of providing strikes for players to hit.
- c. Players will receive six (6) pitches to hit the ball. If there is no hit on the sixth pitch, the ball will be placed on the tee and the batter will hit from there.
- d. **NO PLAYER WILL STRIKE OUT.** There will be no walks.
- e. Players will bat in the same order for the entire game.
- f. Each player will bat a minimum of two (2) times per game.
- g. A six (6)-batter rotation will be used for offense.

- h. If all batters have not batted twice in the game, those players will be allowed to bat in the last inning which may cause the team to bat more than six (6) batters in the last at bat.
- i. Three (3) outs or six (6) batter rotations ends a team's turn on offense.
- j. NO bunting, NO stealing, and NO infield fly rule.

5. Base Running

- a. Play will stop when the ball is thrown towards the pitchers mound.
- b. Control is not necessary for play to stop.
- c. Only one base on an overthrow.
- d. A player may not intentionally create contact with another player at any time.
- e. If the defensive player has the ball and a play is being made, the offensive player must either slide or make every effort to avoid contact with the defensive player.
- f. Should a player run over or crash into another player, the player will be called out.
- g. If a defensive player is in the base path without the ball and makes contact with, or impedes the path of the offensive player, interference may be called on the defensive player.
- h. Any runner obstructing a throw in an attempt to stop a double play will result in a double play being called.