



8U Coach Pitch Guidelines

There are no official league rules for 8U Coach Pitch” divisions. This document will serve as guidelines for the 8U Coach Pitch level of play. The coaches can review these guidelines prior to the game and can modify them, on a limited basis, upon mutual consent.

The 8U Coach Pitch level is structured as a clinical league, and its primary objective is to further educate children in the basics of baseball and to prepare them for the next level of competition.

- There are no standings and playoffs, scores are uploaded to the website and umpires are not used in 8U Coach Pitch Level.
- The batter will be allowed 3 strikes and balls will not be counted. If the batter is not swinging at strikes, he will be warned and the next pitch in the strike zone and not swung at, will be counted as a strike.
- Bunting is not permitted
- A coach from the offensive team will pitch and a player will play the position of pitcher and will be positioned next to the pitching coach.
- A player will play the position of catcher, with a coach as backup. Coaches should retrieve the ball and throw it back to the coach who is pitching. Under no circumstances will a child ever pitch at this level.
- The team at bat will be allowed 3 outs, and a maximum of 5 runs per inning, except the last inning. If a team has less than 5 runs with runners on base, all runners and the batter are eligible to score which would exceed the 5-run limit.
- Play will stop when the ball is thrown into the vicinity of the pitching coach.
- 4 outfielders can be used. The short-fielder must play on the edge of the outfield grass. The other 3 outfielders should be positioned at least 15 feet behind the bases. A total of 10 players can play the field. All players will be in the lineup to hit. Coaches are encouraged to move players around to various positions during the game. A player must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field.
- The offensive team can have a maximum of 4 coaches on the field: Pitcher, behind catcher, 1st and 3rd base coaches. A coach is allowed to stop the game for instructional purposes.
- 1 defensive coach is allowed on the field and must stand in the outfield.
- Sliding is allowed for plays at 2nd base, 3rd base, and home plate.
- 1 base on an overthrow, only on plays to 1st base.
- Baseball is LLB1
 - If coaches agree you may use softer baseballs such as “Incrediballs”.