



Baseball House League Rules Coach-Pitch Division



Coach Pitch Division

- 1) Distance between bases: 50 ft.
 Distance for Coach to Pitch 30 ft
 Official length of game: Three (3) or Four (4) innings
 Official practice time (weeknights): 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM or
 6:00 - 7:15 PM or
 7:15 - 8:15 PM
 Official game time (weeknights): 6:30 - 8:00 PM
 Official game/practice time (weekends): 9:30 – 10:30 AM or
 10:30 – 11:45 AM

- 2) The CVBA considers Coach-Pitch to be a “non-competitive” Division where the emphasis is on having fun and learning the fundamentals of the game; therefore, keeping score is not necessary or encouraged. The game is played with 3 outs or a seven (7) run mercy rule per inning.

- 3) This division has been established to help in the development of the players hitting a thrown (pitched) ball. Coaches will be 15-20 paces from home plate and will be either seated on a bucket or be in a one knee (kneeled) position. They will throw the ball in a dart like fashion (similar to throwing a dart at a dart board). Each player will be awarded five (5) good pitches. If they have not hit the ball, an out will be awarded to the defensive team. Until July 1 if a player does not hit the ball, the batter may then have a turn trying to hit the ball off of a Tee. After July 1, that batter is out and the next batter will have their turn.

- 4) The CVBA does not supply Umpires to any of the Coach-Pitch games; therefore, The Coach who is “pitching” to his/her own players will act as the umpire to call out or safe

- 5) Players cannot play the same position twice. All players must be rotated between infield and outfield positions and must be allowed to experience all positions on the field. Each player must play an infield position and an outfield position at least one full inning per game, if possible. There is no back-catcher in Tee ball

- 6) Base runners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball and no stealing allowed.



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- 7) BACK-STOP AREA is the area of the IN-PLAY FAIR LINE plus the area that is bounded by the lines of the IN-PLAY FAIR LINE which extends perpendicular from the first and third base-lines to the back-stop. No defensive player is permitted within the BACK-STOP AREA while a batter is batting the ball.
- 8) Defensively, once the ball is put into play, only the pitcher may enter into the BACK-STOP AREA. If a defensive player, other than the pitcher, crosses into the BACK-STOP AREA with ball in hand or makes contact with the ball inside of this area, then time is called and all runners are awarded the bases they were running to. If this occurs on the last batter then all runners will score.
- 9) Coaches should encourage all their defensive players to "make a play".
When a ball is hit to any defensive infielder, one attempt to "make a play" must be made before time can be called.
- 10) Pitchers are not allowed to tag base runners from home to first base. They must throw the ball to first base.
- 11) Time is called when a player playing an infield position has control of the ball in the fair area of the infield and is not attempting to make a play. The "fair area of the infield" is defined as the fair area within the boundaries of home, first, second and third bases. All base runners are awarded the base they were running to whenever time is called.
- 12) An overthrow is when the ball is thrown past any baseman without touching the baseman. On an over throw to any base, time is called.
- 13) Time will be called any time the ball goes under the backstop or is stuck under the fence. All runners are awarded the base they were running to when time was called.
- 14) The defensive team will consist of: one pitcher, one player at first base, one player between first base and



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second base, one player at second base, one shortstop, one player at third base and up to six outfielders. Twelve players in total.

- 15) The positioning of the defensive players prior to the batter hitting the ball will be: the outfielders at least ten feet behind the infield base path, the pitcher within four feet of the pitching rubber, the basemen within four feet of their base, the shortstop and the player between first and second base must be half way between the bases. All basemen should be off the base path up to a maximum of four feet.
- 16) Players must throw the ball to make a play and not roll it.
- 17) See General House League Rules as all General Rules also apply.