



## House League Baseball Division Specific Rules

### Coach-Pitch Division

<b>Distance between bases</b>	50 ft.
<b>Distance to pitching rubber</b>	30 ft.
<b>Length of game</b>	Three (3) or Four (4) innings
<b>Mercy rule per inning</b>	Seven (7) runs, no open innings
<b>Minimum # of players required to play any game</b>	7
<b>Allowable bats</b>	Any legal baseball bat, subject to Umpire approval. No softball bats are allowed.
<b>Official practice time (weeknights)</b>	6:00 - 7:15 PM 6:30 - 8:00 PM 7:15 - 8:15 PM
<b>Official game time (weeknights)</b>	6:30 - 8:00 PM
<b>Official game/practice time (weekends)</b>	10:00 - 11:30 AM

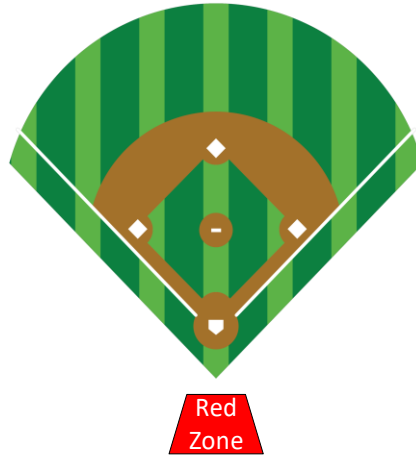
1. Any serious violation of the Code of Conduct will result in an in-person hearing. Please refer to the Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance policy in the General House League rules.
2. Every division will have a double-elimination playoff.
  - 2.1. Coach Pitch division will not have Umpires during the regular season, but will participate in a fun playoff tournament at the end of the season.
3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ANY RULE CHANGES ALLOWED. COACHES MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATIONS BEFORE OR DURING A GAME AT ANY TIME.
4. The game is played until 3 outs or a seven (7) run mercy rule per inning.
5. Until July 1, if a player does not hit the ball, the batter may have a maximum of 2 swings at a ball on a tee.
6. The CVBSA 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. Umpire(s) may be added for any tournament or playoff games, at the discretion of the convenor.
7. In any game:
  - 7.1. No player may sit on the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench once.
  - 7.2. 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 Coach Pitch.
8. Baserunners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball.
9. No stealing allowed.



10. The use of the orange safety bag at first base is required.
11. 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.
12. Players must throw the ball to make a play and not roll it. If the ball is intentionally rolled, then all baserunners are awarded the base they were running to.
13. Pitchers are not allowed to tag baserunners from home to first base. They must throw the ball to first base.
14. 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 baserunners are awarded the base they were running to whenever time is called.
15. 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.
16. 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 halfway between the bases. All basemen should be off the base path up to a maximum of four feet.
17. See General House League Rules as all General Rules also apply.
18. **NEW RULE** 24-hour rule: players/parents/coaches and spectators are instructed to wait 24 hours before contacting a Convener or executive member for any grievance that does not involve the safety of any party. After 24 hours, it should be brought to the attention of the appropriate person. Under the contacts section of our website, a form is available to ask a question, make a comment, or file a grievance.
19. **NEW RULE** No person(s) other than the players, coaches (one head coach and two assistant coaches or parents filling in for these coaches) or officials are ever allowed on the playing field and in the dugout except for injury. An automatic one (1) game suspension will be levied against the offending individual (parent, spectator, etc.). Upon review of the incident from the disciplinary committee, a harsher penalty may be issued.  
  
For 5-Pitch, Rally Cap and 8U, 9U, one additional person may be permitted to assist in the dugout only. For Tee Ball, additional parent volunteers are permitted on the field.
20. **NEW RULE** In addition to a parent or spectator receiving a suspension or other disciplinary action, the player they represent, and their coach, may also face disciplinary measures.
21. **NEW RULE** There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any: unsportsmanlike behaviour, misconduct of any kind, unruliness of any sort, use of foul or profane language, attack of any kind (either verbal or physical) towards any Umpire, coach, player, or spectator.



22. **NEW RULE RED ZONE RULE:** no spectator, parent, player, or coach is permitted to view a game directly behind the backstop at any diamond. This will help eliminate any conflicts with Umpires and will also help the players field of view. An Umpire will provide a warning and then has the discretion to eject any person(s) from the park after that.



23. **NEW RULE** For all divisions, if a game is called for weather it is considered official if at least 2.5 innings have been played.
24. **NEW RULE** Coaches are **REQUIRED** to place players in different slots in the batting order from game to game so that players receive similar numbers of at bats throughout the course of the season.