



Coach Pitch Rules 2017 Season

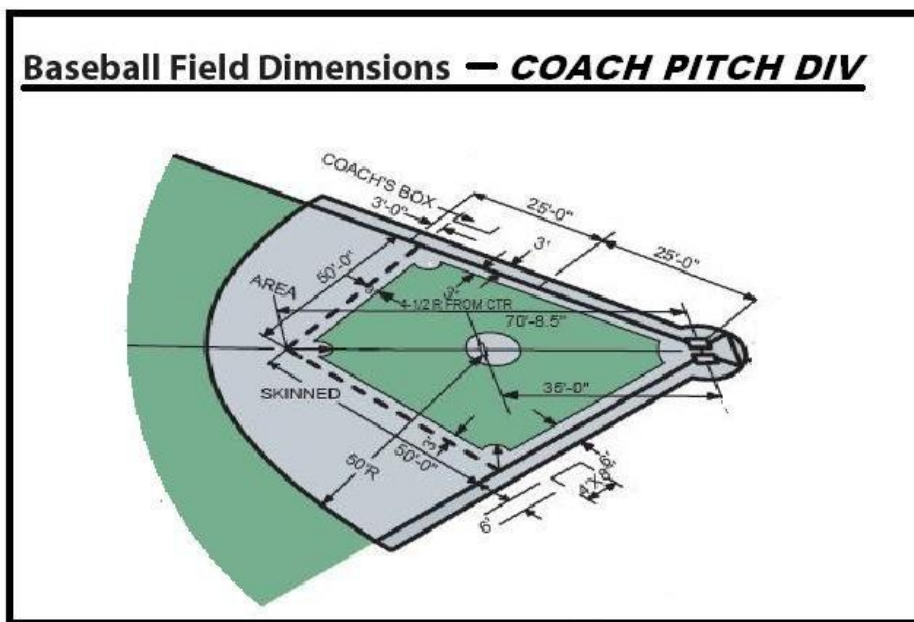
Standing Rules

1. The Coach Pitch Division will consist mainly of six (6), seven (7), and (8) year old players.
2. Hitting Rules – Coaches will pitch to their own players from a 30' distance. No tee will be used.
3. Teams will use 11" "Softie/Flexi" balls for all practices and games.
4. All games will start per league schedule, except for rainouts, which will be made-up on scheduled rain dates or at the coaches' discretion. Coaches should come to a mutual agreement as to the decision to cancel a game or ask for the assistance of the league assigned representative.
5. Coaches should assign parents or other adults to help coach from first base and third base.
6. Teams will play with 10 players in the field, with 1 child fielding the pitcher's position. There will be 4 outfielders, you may play with 5 outfielders as long as it is agreed upon prior to the start of the game.
7. All batters, either on-deck, batting, or running bases are required to wear helmets provided by the league. The child fielding the pitchers position shall also wear a helmet or fielders mask at all times while in the field.
8. All games will run approximately two hours, with as many innings being played as time allows. No new innings should begin after the two hours.
9. Batting:
 - a. Experienced Players: Each will receive 7 good pitches. THE COACH OR AN ADULT ASSISTANT WILL MAKE ALL PITCHES. THERE WILL BE NO PITCHING, DURING GAMES OR PRACTICES, BY CHILDREN TO CHILDREN.
 - i. Girls will receive an underhand pitch. There are strikeouts in this division. The umpire will call balls and strikes on the batter. If after the 7 good pitches the batter fails to put the ball into play, the batter's turn will be over. It is critical that each coach finds someone that can consistently throw pitches that are hittable, to the batters. If needed, it is acceptable to use a coach or an adult from the opposing team.
 - b. New or Inexperienced Player: (as determined by the coach) Use of the "Tee" can be implemented as the primary or a secondary means of learning to hit.
 - i. Primarily: use the Tee immediately

- ii. Secondary: use the Tee after the 7 pitched balls have not been hit.

*NOTE: The more experienced players may need to ACCEPT a “strike-out” where the less experienced will most likely benefit from use of the Tee. Care needs to be taken to ensure that all the players receive fair treatment as you now have two levels of players to help learn and grow in the game. If the new and/or inexperienced player do not get proper attention, they will lose interest in the game. The goal of this division is to learn the basics and to have fun.

- 10. Once a ball is returned to the infield or an attempt to make a play or returning the ball to the pitcher’s mound will deem the play to be dead.
- 11. Only one base may be gained by an overthrow, whether in-play or out-of-play.
- 12. No bunting, stealing, leading-off, or wooden bats will be allowed. All bats used must clearly and legibly read official ASA to be used.
- 13. Field Layouts:



APPROX LAYOUT- TO BE USED WHENEVER POSSIBLE

- 14. Any player, who represents a danger to the safety of the other participants because of size and/or ability, should be brought to the attention of the Division Representative, who will bring the matter to the board. The board will determine the player’s possible re-assignment and inform the parents of the League's decision.