



## 2024 Coach Pitch Supplemental Rules

### The Coach Pitch Division:

- 2024 Green Book Regular Season rules will be followed with the following Supplemental Rules.
- The Coach Pitch division is primarily intended for 5-7 year olds. This division is for kids not ready for the Farm division, but more advanced than Tee Ball and a great division for transition into the player pitch divisions.
- There will be no try outs or a draft. The league will attempt to honor requests for specific Managers/Coaches and team assignment with friends, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all unless there is a hardship for transportation. Siblings will be placed on the same team.
- This division allows nine to eleven players on the field with six players in the infield. All other players should be in the outfield. There shall be an adult pitcher from the offensive team and at least 2 coaches from the defensive team to position players appropriately and assure safety. Base paths are 60'. There is no stealing.
- There is no "Minimum Play Rule" as all players should be on the field the entire game. Managers are strongly encouraged to assure equal defensive playing time for all players. Please rotate players through the different defensive positions to build their enthusiasm. However, the manager should recognize that the attention span and ability at this age varies and only allow players the opportunity to field the positions that they can safely play.
- Rosters will consist of 9-13 players.
- The regular season will consist of a 12 - 15 games against other FOVLL teams; there will be no season standings; no score will be kept. There is no stealing. Game time will be limited to 1hr 15mins but both teams should have equal at-bats.
- Coach Pitch plays with a reduced injury factor (RIF) Level 5 baseball.
- The Manager/Coach will deliver 5 pitches to players on his/her own team from a knelt or standing position no more than 30 feet from the batter. A batting tee should not be used. No walks will be issued. **Each batter shall only receive no more than 5 pitches in an at bat.** If the batter misses or does not swing at a strike on the final pitch, he/she returns to the bench (strikeout). Some flexibility should be provided if the final pitch is unreasonable or fouled off.
- Each ½ inning will end when the team has batted through the order.
- Defensive outs made in the field will be acknowledged with the batter/runner being removed from the field of play.

- Runners may advance multiple bases at their own risk on hits to the outfield only. Once the ball is attempted to be thrown to the infield, runners may not advance bases.
- Players may NOT advance bases on an overthrown ball.
- All players should have the following: mitt, cleats, protective cup and supporter, helmet, and bat. League will provide 1-2 bats and additional helmets to each team, but players are encouraged to provide their own. Uniform will consist of a League provided shirt and hat. Player is required to provide pants, socks and belts of the Manager's color selection, and protective cup and supporter.
- The "home" team will take the 3rd base dugout and set up the field before games. The "away" team will take the 1st base dugout, breakdown the field after game, and provide a snack bar worker.
- Have fun! The coaching goal should be to have your players want to come back next year skilled enough to safely advance to the next division.

### **Bat Requirements:**

- Rule 1.10 - The bat must be a baseball bat which meets Little League specifications and standards as noted in this rule.
- Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season.
- Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8 inches for these divisions of play. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).
- Bats carrying the mark "Little League Tee Ball" are also allowed in the Coach Pitch division.