

Coach Pitch Guidelines

1. 7 Pitches

- a. Max number of pitches a child may receive
 - i. Automatically out after 7 even if the child never swings
 1. If three strikes occur before 7th pitch the child is out

Note: If you or the other team has a child with special needs or a child who has never played before – it is up to the managers to come to an arrangement for the child to receive extra pitches before the game starts.

2. Inning Rules

- a. 5 runs or 3 outs
- b. 6th Inning
 - i. Home team losing – can score as many runs as they can until 3 outs or win
 - ii. Home team winning – game over after visitors side out

3. Baseballs

- a. Regular baseballs only T-Balls are not to be used
- b. If you have a player on the younger end (6) who is not ready for this level of play please discuss with the parents first before discussing with the Director of Baseball/Softball

4. No Stealing/Leading Off

- a. Stealing and Leading Off are not permitted at this age level

5. Bunting

- a. Not to be done in games
- b. Suggest working on during practice

6. Sliding

- a. Make sure to practice

7. Number of Players on the field

- a. The minimum number you can play with on the field is 8

- b. Maximum number permitted on the field is 10
- 8. No continuous batting
 - a. Other leagues permit continuous batting but LVLL does not
 - b. If playing at another leagues field check with the other teams manager regarding home rules for this level
- 9. Each child must play (more than 10 players on the team)
 - a. Each child must play at least 2 innings
- 10. Score Keeping
 - a. Each team must keep score using a manual score book
- 11. Fielding Rules (General)
 - a. Ground ball through infield is a single
 - b. Pop fly uncaught to the outfield is a double
 - c. Pop fly to the fence is a triple
 - d. Over the fence is a home run

Note: When playing at another leagues field, always discuss their field rules before starting the game.

- 12. Overall Areas to work on
 - a. Concept of Outs
 - b. Catching
 - c. Throwing (aiming)
 - d. Fielding (i.e. where to throw the ball, pop up's)
 - e. Hitting
 - f. Basic position coverage
- 13. Areas to work on more with 8 year olds
 - a. Bases
 - i. Sliding
 - 1. When to slide
 - 2. Looking for direction from coach (i.e. advancing to 3rd base)
 - ii. Pop up's
 - 1. Leading so far to see if the ball is caught

- iii. Signs
 - 1. Looking for signals from Coaches
- b. Field
 - i. Pop up's
 - ii. Cut off
 - iii. Outfield to second always, unless runner is advancing to third or home
- c. Batting
 - i. Bunts – practice only