

Vallivue Youth Baseball
Coach Pitch League Rules
Modified May 2019

1. The main goal of Vallivue Coach Pitch division is for kids to have fun while learning the basics of baseball and sportsmanship. Each member of the team must play the same amount in the field. After the defensive team records three outs or scores 6 runs, switch from fielding to batting and vice versa.
2. Scores WILL be kept, but no league standings are kept. Each team will be provided with a scorebook. It will be each coach's responsibility to find a team parent to manage the scorebook.
3. Coaches and parents should reflect positive and constructive direction. Patience is the most important virtue necessary when working with children of this age group.
4. Equipment will be checked out to each coach at the beginning of the season and must be turned in after the last game of the season to the League Rep. The equipment is not to be loaned out to individual players.
5. Sportsmanlike conduct must be observed at all times by coaches, players, and parents.
6. All games start promptly at 6:00 PM. All games will consist of 6 innings, or 75 minutes, whichever comes first. Please do not start a new inning after 7:15 PM.
7. After defensive team records 3 outs, or the offensive team scores 6 runs, switch from fielding to batting and vice versa. (if the 6th run is on third base, the score may be recorded higher due to the play being played out).
8. Each player will get 5 pitched balls, regardless of accuracy. Only exception is if the 5th pitch is fouled off, 1 more pitch will be given, which will continue until a hit is made or the player strikes out. If the player does not hit the ball within the 5 allotted pitches, it will result in a strike out and new batter batting.
9. In the event of lightning, the game should be immediately cancelled. A

game in progress may be called off in the event of thunder or heavy rain. Rain outs may be made up if both coaches agree, but make-up games are not required.

10. No games will be forfeited. Every effort should be made to field a full team on the scheduled date.

11. All players should wear the team t-shirt and hat provided by the league.

12. All batters, base runners, and “on deck” batters must wear their protective helmet.

13. The player in the pitcher’s area should be about 40 feet from the batter or home plate and must wear a batting helmet for protection.

14. Bunting is not allowed. Batters should try to hit the ball as hard as they can.

15. Teach your players to lay their bats down gently before running to first. Players should be given one warning for throwing their bat; if they throw their bat a second time, they should be called “out,” and given an explanation/instruction.

16. The league does not provide umpires for Coach Pitch games. Coaches may ask a parent to umpire, but generally the coaches take care of it themselves.

17. ONE coach may be in the field with the defensive players and offer advice, but not interfere with the play. The coach may request time out to demonstrate a technique or explain a situation to the players during the progress of the game.

18. No sliding into first base. Sliding is permitted at any other base or home plate. Please take the time to teach your players proper technique to avoid injuries and collisions.

19. No lead-offs or steals. Runners may not leave the base before the ball is hit.

20. Intentionally running into another player constitutes an automatic out.

21. All team members should play the same amount of time in the field.

22. Players who do not conform to the rules after being given ample warning may be disciplined by the coach. Discipline shall consist of removal from the game for an appropriate period of time.

23. Each time a player hits the ball (into fair territory) the batter (and all base runners) may advance bases until an attempted play is made by a defensive player at the correct base. No more than one base per overthrow. As long as the ball is still in outfield runners can advance. If an outfielder is holding on to the ball, runners may advance. Once the ball reaches the infield towards the correct base where the play is to be made, or the pitcher possesses the ball, all runners must stop. If the ball is thrown away from where the play is to be made, runners may keep advancing.

24. Half way through the season we encourage players to start pitching in games to get ready for next level. No player can pitch more than 1 inning in a game. After a player walks 3 batters, a coach must finish the inning. If a player is pitching, it will go to a 3 strikes and 4 balls count. When the coach is pitching it will go back to 5 pitches only.

25. Players, coaches, and parents are asked to pick up garbage from around the playing area after each game.