



6U Coach Pitch I Rules

Ball: Level 5 Soft-Tee Flexible Core

Field Dimension: Bases are approximately 45 feet apart.

Rosters:

- Each team will have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 14 players.
- All players will participate every inning. All players will play the field when their team is in the field. All players will bat each inning.

Equipment and Uniforms:

- An NYS-administered or approved jersey must be worn during the game. All players must be wearing matching jerseys.
- Teams utilizing **NYS jerseys** must follow the following:
 - Home team wears **blue**, away team wears **white**.
- Baseball cleats are recommended by not required
- Players should not wear jewelry, rings, watches, pins, or other metallic objects.
- Approved Little League bats with a barrel size of 2 1/4" and 2 5/8" will be allowed for play. Wood and metal bats are permitted.

Field Assignments:

- The home team listed on the schedule will occupy the first base dugout and be in the field first. The away team will occupy the third base dugout and bat first.

Umpires/Officials:

- NYS will provide a site director to help manage the field. This person will be responsible for managing the facility, setting up the field, making sure games stay on time, and providing customer service.
- NYS will not supply umpires for this age division.
- Team coaches are responsible for understanding the rules and supervising game play.

Game Time Limits:

- All games in this division will have a time limit of 75 minutes or 4 innings, whichever comes first. If the game time expires prior to completing 4 innings, the game shall conclude after the current batter completes their at bat.

Managers/Coaches:

- An offensive coach is allowed at home plate to help the batter, and base coaches are allowed at 1st and 3rd base.
- Defensive coaches are allowed on the field to instruct the players.
- An adult coach MUST be always in the bench area when players are present.

Defensive Rules of Play (Fielding):

- All players will play on the field when on defense. A maximum of seven infielders and the rest of the team must occupy the outfield.
- The catcher position will be filled by an adult to expedite pitches and at bats along with helping the batter.
- Infielders may not be more than 10 feet in front of the base path.
- Outfielders may not be less than 10 feet behind the base path.
- No outs are recorded.
- Fielders should be encouraged and instructed to play the field and try to make the proper play.

Offensive Rules of Play (Batting):

- A continuous batting order will be used. Any player arriving after a game has begun should be inserted in the batting order in the last batting position.
- All offensive players except the at-bat player and base runners must be inside the dugout. There is no on-deck circle.
- The coach should pitch to all individual batters based on their demonstrated ability to hit the ball at practice. Each batter will be given 3–5 pitches to hit the ball in play. If they cannot, a tee will be used by the batter. Athletes who cannot hit a pitched ball at practice should use a tee during games.
- There is no leading off or stealing of any base.
- Players may not advance a base on an overthrow.
- Base runners must stop when the ball is under control of the infield, at which time, “time” will be called.
- If the defense puts out a batter or runner, he/she will be allowed to remain on base.
- Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- There are no strikeouts
- A ½ inning will be considered complete when all batters in the lineup have batted and all runners have touched all the bases. The last batter in the will continue to run the bases until he/she touches home.
- Sliding of any kind should be strongly discouraged.
- After a hit ball or at any other time, throwing of the bat is not allowed.

Scores and Standings:

- This is intended to be an instructional program, not a competitive league. Scores and standings will not be kept.

Coaches and Spectator Conduct/Responsibilities

- Family members, parents, and spectators are required to observe the contest from designated areas.
- Participants, coaches, parents, and family members must conduct themselves appropriately during gameplay.

- Participants, coaches, parents, and family members will refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at all NYS facilities. Any use of these items will result in immediate removal from the field.
- Inappropriate, rude, or confrontational behavior by a coach, player, or spectator may lead to disqualification from the game and possible suspension. These decisions are made at the sole discretion of the NYS League Officials.

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