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## Coach Pitch League Rules Boys and Girls (7-8)

Coach Pitch Girls League Tourney- Morrison June 22<sup>nd</sup>; All Star Morrison July 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Coach Pitch Boys League Tourney-Albany June 22<sup>nd</sup>; All Star Morrison July 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

All regular IHSA baseball rules will apply with the following exceptions or additions

- **The Game**

- Umpires will not be used at this level. Coaches will call the bases. During League and All Stars there will be umpires utilized.
- Players cannot turn 9 on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season
- A standard Little League or similar baseball will be used for boys
- An 11" softball will be used for girls
- Bases will be 60' apart
- Coaches will pitch from a 30' mound with a circle around it-16' in diameter
- A team must field 7 players to play a game. When playing with 7 players, the team will give up 2 outs when batting through the line-up. When playing with 8 players, the team will give up 1 out when batting. Playing with 9 players will not result in taking any outs.
- There is a 5 run limit per inning or 3 outs unless an over the fence home run is hit, in which case all runs scored by the home run will count
- A complete game shall consist of 5 full innings or 90 minutes, with both teams getting equal at bats.
- Games will have NO new inning after 75 minutes, and drop dead at 90 minutes in length. Home team announce start time before the game.
- A game shorted due to weather or darkness is considered complete after 3 ½ innings
- A rained out game or make-up game can be scheduled as deemed appropriate by the home team's organization at a time agreeable to both teams
- Shaking hands after the completion of the game is required
- No foul or abusive language from the teams, coaches, or fans and continual harassment of the players, or coaches will result in the following
  - One warning
  - Removal from the premises, team forfeit, and further action if required

- **Batting and Base Running**

- All team members will be in the batting order.
- If a player arrives late, they should be placed at the end of the batting order
- No bunting is allowed
- No running is allowed on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
- Infield fly rule will NOT apply
- Sliding is allowed but not required; a player must slide to avoid contact or the runner will be called out, catcher cannot block plate, no sliding head first.
- If a batted ball strikes a base runner in fair territory, the base runner struck with the ball will be out

- A player will be warned once for throwing the bat and then will be called out for subsequent occurrences. This is a per individual warning and not a team warning
- 2 ¼” bat, no big barrels.
- Only one base is allowed on an overthrow and only one overthrow is allowed per play at this level
- The runner must be more than half way once the play has been made back to the pitcher position or coach pitching in order to advance to the next base
- There is no stealing or leading off allowed in this level
- Batter is allowed a maximum of 8 pitches or 3 swinging strikes to be considered out unless the 8<sup>th</sup> pitch or 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is a foul ball in which they will be given another pitch until the ball is put in play or the player swings and misses, there are no walks.

- **Defense and Fielding**

- The defense shall consist of up to 10 fielders of which 4 must play in the outfield grass with the remaining 6 playing on the infield
- When playing the pitcher position, the fielder cannot play in front of the coach that is pitching, must be in the circle, playing the pitching position.
- A maximum of 2 coaches will be allowed to coach from the field and must remain in the grass of the outfield and must avoid contact with a ball in play
- Each player on the team must play a minimum of two innings of defense in the field
- When the ball is in play the pitching coach should make every attempt to not interfere with the play or the player fielding the pitcher position
- Once the defense has made an attempt to throw to the pitching coach or player playing the pitcher position, even if the ball is not caught, no runners may advance

- **Pitching**

- Pitching will be done by the coaches only
- The pitching motion for boy shall be overhand and the pitching motion for girls shall be underhand
- Coaches shall pitch from the same designated 30’ mound on the diamond
- When the coach is pitching:
  - There are no walks, however 3 missed swings will constitute a strike out
  - There is a maximum of 8 pitches unless the 8<sup>th</sup> pitch is a foul ball
  - A hit batsman will not count as a walk
  - A base runner may not advance on an overthrow to the pitcher from the catcher between pitches

- **Safety**

- Batting helmet is required to be on the players head from dug out to dug out
- No jewelry will be worn during the game (watches, necklaces, etc...)
- Players must wear protective equipment as necessary for all games
- No metal spike shoes are allowed but molded plastic cleated shoes are allowed
- Batters and base runners must wear a protective helmet, girls will have facemasks on their batting helmet.
- Catchers must wear a catcher’s helmet with a mask, chest protector, and shin guards as a minimum standard