

# **COACH PITCH – RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **7-8 YEARS OLD 8 – 11 SOFTBALL**

### **ALL COACH APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY LOUDON PARKS AND RECREATION.**

1. Five run limit per inning.
2. If the runner is hit by a batted ball, the runner is out.
3. All batters must stay in line with batting order.
4. Any batter on line up who takes a turn at bat and then leaves the game for any reason other than sickness or injury, may be counted as an out each time it is his turn to bat throughout the rest of the game.
5. All games will have a 1 hour time limit. No new inning may begin after 55 minutes.
6. Must have hind catcher and catcher must wear appropriate equipment.
7. Short stop cannot advance toward batter any closer than the line between first and third base.
8. If a power hitter is up to bat and both coaches agree the pitcher is in danger, the pitcher can move back to the safety rubber. (safety rubber is mat between pitchers mat and second base.)
9. Pitcher must keep one foot on rubber until ball is hit.
10. If 2<sup>nd</sup> base runner passes 1<sup>st</sup> base runner, 1<sup>st</sup> base runner is out.
11. Only one defensive coach allowed inside fence.
12. Adult pitcher cannot advance beyond the twenty foot line while pitching.
13. Five pitches or three strikes, no walks.
14. Umpire has authority to eject any player from the game.
15. Umpire has final authority on the field.
16. Play is dead at umpire's decision.
17. Umpire has a right to reverse his call.
18. A player arriving after the game has begun and before the third inning may be added to the bottom of the line up and must play one inning in the field before batting.
19. No altered bats.
20. Any questioned bats must be approved by both coaches.
21. Must have a least five players or game may be forfeited.,
22. Batter must reach first base or play must end before a designated runner can be used.
23. Coaches must exchange line ups ten minutes before game.
24. Game time is forfeit time.
25. Both coaches of the first game on each field are responsible for putting out field equipment. (bases, catchers equipment, etc.)
26. Both coaches of the last game on each field are responsible for returning field equipment to the equipment room.
27. Every player gets to play the entire game unless a discipline problem arises. This must be discussed with the Parks and Recreation Department representative first.
28. No base stealing.
29. No infield fly rule.
30. For the safety of your child, all participating adults must complete a coach application.
31. The team coach is responsible to see that Rule 30 is completed.

## **COACHES CANNOT CHANGE RULES**