

Smithfield Baseball
Coach Pitch 2010
7 & 8 Year Olds

Rules / Guidelines

Pitching: Coaches will pitch to all batters **overhand**.

Batting: All players will be in the batting order.

Playing: There will be no more than 10 players on the field for defense. Each member of the team should receive equal playing time and play in each game. **Exception:** If only say 11 players show up on your team you may play all players in the field at once with the opposing coaches approval.

Outs: **Three outs** or five runs will end an inning, whichever occurs first. Only five runs will count.

Time Limit: Game time will be 55 minutes. No new inning will begin after the 55 minute time limit. Please start and end games on time so you do not delay the games that follow.

Coaching: Coaching will take place from the sideline except for the coach who pitching. The pitching coach must stay in the pitching area. A batter runner will be declared out if the coach interferes with a play or is struck by the ball.

Base Running / Stealing: There is no stealing allowed on pitcher and catcher. A batter may advance to the base once the ball is hit, but can only advance one extra base once the defense has control of the ball and the ball is in the possession of an infielder. This rule also applies to runners already on base. No leading off until ball crosses the plate.

Umpires: No umpires will be provided. The pitching coach will call balls and strikes and call the bases. The idea is to let each batter hit the ball. No more than 5 good pitches per batter.

Catchers: All catchers must wear a batting helmet at all times when catching!! A Coach or parent should help the catcher behind home plate. This will not only speed up the game but also put the coach or parent in position to help the batter.

the case of inclement weather the coaches should communicate to decide if the game could be played or not. If there is a need to re-schedule a game, contact the directors for field availability.

als: The goal for the Coach Pitch league is to provide a fun experience for all players while at the same time teaching the rules and fundamentals of baseball.