

8U (Coach Pitch) Rules
2018 All Star Tournament

1. Games:
 - a. Time limit will be one hour and thirty minutes. The current inning must be finished when the time limit is reached. Each inning begins with the last recorded out of the previous inning.
 - b. Will consist of 6 innings of play unless one team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 after the home team has batted unless the home team is ahead by 15 after 3 ½ innings or 10 runs after 4 ½ innings.
 - c. Runs will be capped each inning at 6 except for the 6th inning. The last inning is unlimited runs.
 - d. Coaches must get the first batter of each inning ready within 90 seconds of the last out. The defensive coach must have his entire defensive team on the field within the same 90 seconds.
2. Batting order:
 - a. A continuous batting order will be used for all 8U coach pitch games. Therefore, all defensive substitutions are free.
 - b. If a player is injured during the game his space in the line-up will be skipped without penalty for the offense.
 - c. If a player arrives late to the game he must be placed at the bottom of the lineup.
 - d. If a team has less than 9 players in the batting order then they will receive an out each time that spot comes up in the order.
3. Offense:
 - a. There is NO infield fly rule.
 - b. Runners must not leave the base until the ball is contacted by the hitter.
 - c. Runners must attempt to avoid contact with the defense. Not sliding is not an automatic out but sliding should be encouraged by the coaches. The play will be at the umpire's discretion.
 - d. Courtesy runners for the catcher are allowed with 2 outs in the inning. The runner will be the last batter or base runner who made an out.
4. Defense:
 - a. Defense will consist of 10 players on the field at any one time. Four outfielders will be used. If only nine players are present then three outfielders will be used. No use of rovers in the outfield. That is, all outfielders will play a similar depth.
 - b. The lead base runner must be stopped by the defense before the umpire can call time. Once time is called, all runners must return to their base.
 - c. On an overthrow from first base, the batter/runner may take second at his own risk but not third unless the defense makes an attempt to throw out the runner at second base. If that attempt is made and the ball is overthrown a second time the runner may advance.
 - d. Defensive pitcher position must maintain one foot inside the pitchers circle when the batter is batting.

Miscellaneous Rules:

- a. Coin toss will determine Home/Visitor for pool play games. This will be done at the beginning at home plate before each game starts. This will be conducted by the umpire.
- b. Home team will be the lower seed during single elimination tournament games. For example a 1 seed vs. 8 seed the 1 seed will be the home team. Home team dugout will be on the third base side of the field. Visitor dugout will be on the first base side of the field.
- c. No unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated. The umpire has the authority to eject any coach, player, fan, and parent for unsportsmanlike behavior. If this happens you will be asked to leave the park and will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the tournament. If you do not leave when asked then the police will be called to help resolve the situation. Teams will also be sent to the dugout and wait until that person has left the park before play will resume. The time limit on the game being played will not be extended.
- d. Please make sure you are at the diamond with your team 45 minutes before your scheduled game time. If we are running ahead of schedule we will start the game up to 30 minutes early.
- e. One visit to the field will be allowed to speak with your team per inning with a maximum of two per game.

- f. Bat size – 2 ¼ or USA 2 5/8 – NO WOOD BATS
- g. Age cutoff date is Dec 1st. Which means your player **CANNOT** turn 9 years of age before Dec 1st. Please have birth certificates available for review if necessary.