

USFA Rules For 8u Coach Pitch

1. The game will consist of 5 innings or 55 Minutes, with a (Run Rule) being declared if a team is ahead by 12 runs after 3 innings, two and a half innings if the home team is ahead, or 8 runs after 4 innings, three and a half innings if the home team is ahead. Teams will switch sides after the hitting team scores 8 runs in that inning.

2. There will be no infield fly rule in affect.

3. Teams may have 11 batters in the lineup however the coach can decide to only hit 10 hitters or 11 (Coaches Choice) All batting helmets are required to have a faceguard.

4. Each team will name a coach to act as (designated pitcher) to pitch to their team. The Coach pitcher must have pivot foot in contact with the pitching rubber (35 foot) during the pitch.

5. The designated pitcher may be changed at any time during the game as long as another coach takes that position and the change is made without excessive delay of the game.

6. Bunting or half swings or drag hitting are not permitted. In the umpire's judgment, if a batter intentionally takes a half swing or bunts, the ball is dead, a strike is called and the offensive team manager is given one warning. If it happens again, the umpire will declare the batter out. There will be no leading or base stealing.

7. The designated pitcher may carry a glove onto the infield while pitching to

13. In 8 and under coach pitch any 10 play defense, meaning you may use 4 outfielders. All outfielders must start at least 20 feet behind the baseline. No outfielders may play in the infield.

14. Time will be called by the umpire when one of the following has occurred:

- 1. When the ball is held in front of the lead runner**
- 2. When an infielder has control of the ball in the infield, and all runners have stopped.**

15. Any player not in the offensive line-up may be used one time per inning as a courtesy runner for the catcher. .