



Hurricane Recreation – Coach Pitch Rules

- Each team will field all players, with the six (6) standard infielders. All others (outfielders) must remain beyond the run lanes (in the grass) when the ball is not in play.
- Bat-Around rule per inning will be in effect, but baseball rules will be enforced.
- No new inning will start after 1 hour, game time max is 1 hour 15 minutes.
- (4) Innings constitute a complete game. In case of rain, three (3) innings will constitute a complete game or two-and-a-half (2 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead.
- No player will sit out more than one (1) inning per game unless all other players have already sat out once.
- The coach pitching may instruct players during a live ball (i.e. base coaching). He/she is to also make every effort to get out of the way of a thrown ball (i.e. ducking as to not obstruct a player's throw to a particular base).
- No bunting will be allowed in this age group.
- Runners cannot advance on pitch from coach to catcher, cannot advance on the return throw from the catcher to the pitcher and cannot steal.
- Pitching position must be occupied with player being 8' parallel to the coach pitching (left or right).
- A thrown ball that hits the pitcher is still a live ball. Runners will advance at their own risk.
- When an overthrow occurs to any base, baserunners may advance one additional base only (at the runners' risk), provided that the player retrieving the errant throw attempts only to return the ball to the pitcher. If the player who retrieves the errant throw continues the play by throwing the ball to any player other than the pitcher, then the ball remains live and the runners may continue to advance beyond one additional base (at the runners' risk), except that any further overthrow shall again trigger these overthrow advancement rules.
- Hitters will get 6 pitches or three swings. A foul tip or ball on the sixth pitch or 3rd swing will result in additional pitches until a ball is put in play or the hitter strikes out. There are no walks or free bases awarded to a batter hit by a pitch.
- The catcher must wear protective gear and is required to play in the normal catchers' position behind the plate. There is no infield fly rule.
- There is no stealing of bases.
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