



## Coach Pitch Baseball/Softball 2026

### General Guidelines

- Coach Pitch is designed to teach baseball/softball fundamentals to players in Kindergarten. The emphasis for all should be to HAVE FUN!
- Games will be played at Ellison Park – 700 N 2200 W, Layton or Chapel Park – 152 Chapel Street, Layton.
- Game scores are not kept or recorded. All teams will be scheduled for 8 regular season games.
- Teams shirts and hats/visors will be provided by Layton City. Rubber molded cleats or regular athletic shoes must be worn. Metal cleats are not allowed. Players may wear long pants or shorts.
- Home/Away teams are designated on the Quickscores schedule. Home team should sit down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. Home team will take the field first.
- Each team is responsible for cleaning up their designated area after each game. Please transition away from the field area as quickly as possible so that the next game can get started on time.
- Rainout: In the event of poor weather, no decisions will be made on cancellations until 3:00pm. After 3pm you may call 801-336-3920. If there is no recording, it is the responsibility of the coach and team to show up and be ready to play. Games cancelled for any reason may be made-up on days other than regular scheduled game days.

### Game Rules

- **Head Coaches will facilitate the game.** Please work together to make sure you start at designated game-time. \*\*\* Encourage your team to arrive early.\*\*\*
- There will be no forfeits. A game will be played with players in attendance. Teams may share players to make the game happen.
- Games will have a “drop dead” limit of 50 minutes. **When the time reaches 50 minutes, the game will end.** Complete innings do not have to be played. If a batter is up when 50 minutes expires, they will be allowed to finish the at bat.
- Only Layton City Soft Compression (Safety) baseballs will be used.
- All players will bat each inning. Teams may switch batting order for each inning. Please alert opposing team when your last batter comes to bat for the inning.
- **There are no strike-outs.** The batter has (5) pitches to put the ball into fair play; if not, they will hit off a tee provided at the field.
- There are no bunts, half-swings, walks, or infield fly rule.
- Players cannot steal bases or lead-off. Runners may not leave the base they occupy until the batter hits the ball.
- Runners may advance one base on overthrown balls to **FIRST BASE ONLY.**
- Coaches will call outs as they occur. If it’s a too close to call play – leave the runner on base. 3 outs does not end the inning (see all players bat each inning rule). If a batter or base-runner is forced or tagged out, they should be removed from the base. We want to reward the defense for getting outs and encourage good base-running by the offense.
- Entire roster can play defensively. The infield will consist of (5) players maximum.  
Pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Baseman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baseman, Short-Stop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baseman  
There are no extra infield players allowed. Infield players, excluding the pitcher, must play at least 20 feet away from home plate. The pitcher must play up to 6 feet to the right or left of the coach pitching.  
**NO CATCHERS – SAFETY!**



- Outfield players must be 15 feet beyond the infield/bases.
- Dead Balls
  1. Any ball not hit past the five-foot line.
  2. When the ball is returned to the pitcher (pitcher hands the ball to the coach).
  3. Foul Balls.
- (1) defensive coach is allowed on the field (outfield) to allow for the instruction of players. **\*\*\*DO THE BEST YOU CAN TO STAY OUT OF THE PLAY.**
- On offense, one coach will pitch to the batter. Pitch can be either overhand or underhand. The offensive team may also have coaches at 1<sup>st</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base to assist base-runners. **An assistant coach will be the catcher for their team and help return balls to pitcher.**
- Every batter or player on base must wear a helmet.

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