

# West Haven Recreation Coach Pitch Rules

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## General Guidelines

- The Coach Pitch league is designed to teach baseball fundamentals to players in Kindergarten. The emphasis for all involved should be to HAVE FUN!
- Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights at the West Haven Sports Park – 4215 S 3900 W.
- Game scores are not kept or recorded. All teams will play 8 regular season games.
- **Metal cleats are not allowed. Players may wear long pants or shorts.**
- Guest/Home Teams are designated on the 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 dugout area after each game. Please transition away from the dugout area as quickly as possible so the next game can get started on time.
- Inclement weather determination prior to games will be determined by 3pm MST. In case of rainouts, the game will be rescheduled by the recreation department and coaches will be notified as soon as possible. Games cancelled by rain could possibly be made-up on days other than regular scheduled game days.
- All players will receive a medal for participating at the end of the season.

## Game Rules

- 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. Official time will be kept by recreation staff on a stop-watch.
- **A playing schedule must be kept. There will be no grace period for the start of the game. THERE WILL BE NO FOREFEITS.**
- **Head Coaches will facilitate the game and call outs when they occur. (If it’s a too-close-to call play – leave the runner on base. Players that get out will leave the base, but outs do not count. We want to reward the defense for getting outs and encourage good base running by the offense.**
- Every player will bat per inning. The order will remain the same and players that are late will be added to the end of the line-up. An inning or defensive stance will end after the whole offensive roster bats through their line-up. **Please alert opposing team when your last batter comes to bat for the inning.**
- Teams will hit with their coach pitching to them. Coaches may pitch overhand or underhand. Each player will receive up to 5 pitches. If player fails to hit a fair ball within 5 pitch maximum, a T will be provided for player to hit from. **There are no strike-outs.**
- There are no bunts, walks, hit batters, or infield fly rules.
- Every batter, on-deck batter, or players on base must wear a helmet.
- Players cannot steal bases or lead off. Runners may not leave the base they occupy until the batter hits the ball.
- Runners will not be able to advance once the ball is back into the pitching area or the normal flow of the game is stopped.
- Entire roster can play defensively. The infield will consist of a pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman, and short stop – **5 PLAYERS TOTAL.** There are no extra infield players allowed. **Outfield players must be at least 10 feet beyond the base paths.**
- An assistant coach will be catcher for their team and help return balls to pitcher.
- Base Distance - 40 feet.
- Soft Compression (Safety) Baseballs will be used.