

Summary of Rules for Grades 1-2 Coach-Pitch Softball

A designated adult will pitch **underhand** to their team's batter. The batter shall receive pitched balls until a strikeout or a hit occurs. Third strike may be a called strike. (First Grade only) After strike 3, a T may be used for 1 ball to attempt to put into play. If the batter hits three foul balls on the third strike he/she will be out. No dropped third strike rule. No walks. Teams may score a maximum of 5 runs per inning or enough runs to exceed the other team by 1 run, whichever is greater.

The batter is not awarded first base when hit by a pitched ball. The ball is dead and the pitch counts as a foul ball.

3 outs ends the side of the inning

No bunts allowed.

The batter is out if he/she throws the bat.

No lead-offs. Must tag up on fly ball.

No head first slides. "No contact rule" at bases.

Runners may advance one base on an overthrow at first or third.

A team shall consist of ten players on the field. No short fielders.

A game shall consist of six innings or one hour. If the game exceeds one hour the final out will be determined by the coaches.

All bats must have a safety grip or be taped at the handle. Players may not use shoes with metal or hard plastic cleats. Rubber molded cleats only.

Athletic supporters with cups are strongly recommended for catchers.

No one is allowed behind the backstop.

Any adult ejected must leave the playing area immediately. An ejected player must remain on the bench. No player, coach, or scorekeeper is permitted to call an opposing player a name while he is batting, running, or fielding.

No smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages.

50 foot base lines. Pitcher's mound is 32 ft. from home plate.

This is a non-competitive league. No league standings are kept.