

# 2023 Rules

## Coach Pitch Baseball

### WLL Coach Pitch Baseball LEAGUE RULES:

The following game rules will apply to games played this 2023 spring season. Any modification to the rules will be explained to the players before the start of the game.

- Games are 6 innings or 90 minutes of play. No game will end until the home team completes their half of an inning.
- A home team coach (or previously approved substitute) will umpire the game.
- Each team may place up to **12** players on the field for defense. The infield should have one player per position with the remainder of the team placed in the outfield.
- Coaches are encouraged to allow players to play the catcher position. A coach should be placed behind the catcher to help speed up the pace of play.
- A continuous batting order will be established by each manager. The batting order will not change during a game except due to player injury.
- A half inning shall end after three (3) outs are recorded or after every batter in the order has batted.
- Batters may advance one base on hits to the infield.
- Batters may attempt to advance two bases (at their risk) on hits to the outfield.
- Base distances are 55 feet. Pitching distance is 35 feet.
- Batters are limited to 4 stikes (swinging). After 4 strikes (swinging), batter may hit from a Tee for one swing.
- No advance on passed balls.
- The ball shall be considered dead and no runner may advance once the ball has been thrown to the pitcher and the pitcher has possession of the ball.
- The offense has two base coaches. The base coaches must stay in the coach's box.
- The defense may have coaches in the field, provided they do not interfere in play.
- Only adult coaches will pitch to their team. Managers should refrain from substituting specific parent coach to pitch to own child.
- No under hand pitching.
- No stealing.
- No leading off of base is allowed.
- No head first sliding.
- All players must stay in dugout when not playing defense or up to bat. A coach should be in the dugout while the team is at bat.
- Absolutely NO player handles a bat unless walking to home plate to hit.
- Coaches should rotate players throughout the infield and outfield to gain playing experience.
- Catchers should wear protective cup.
- Official Little League soft baseball will be used.
- Bats must be Little League approved with USA bat stamp. Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used.