

## **8U - Coach Pitch**

## League & Tournament Rules

- 1. Game Ball- Yellow 11 inch-red or blue Stitched. 44 or 47 / 375
- 2. No Baseball Bats (must be a softball bat with USSSA stamp)
- 3. Batters are required to wear helmets with face mask from the time they leave the dugout until they return to the dugout
- 4. Catcher must wear a helmet with face mask
- 5. Defensive players must wear a fielders mask while on the field
- 6. Pitching Distance is 35ft. Base path is 60ft.
- 7. Run Rule 12, 10, 8
- 8. You may only score 7 runs per half inning
- 9. Batter gets 5 pitches or 3 strikes. If batter fouls off the 5th pitch they get 1 last pitch.
- 10. 7 innings or 55min. time limit. Tie after regulation- international rules apply
- 11. When ball is hit, pitcher coach must exit into foul territory on the opposite side of where the ball was hit. If the coach pitcher intentionally interferes with the ball, the batter is out
- 13. If line drive hits the coach pitcher- dead ball bat again.
- 14. You play 10 players on defense but 4 girls have to play 10ft. behind the base line (9 = 3 outfielders, 8 = 2 outfields)
- 15. Must have 8 players to start the game (your 9th & 10th batter are not out). Less than 8 players is a forfeit.
- 16. You can lead off the base once the ball leaves the pitchers hand but you cannot steal.
- 17. Any coaches that are not on the field pitching or base coaching on offense has to stay near their dugout
- 18. Bunting and slapping is allowed
- 19. Coin flip determines the home team, home team is the official score keeper. If home book is found to be in error the umpire can ask the home book corrects the error. During tournaments when paid scorekeepers are present, they will keep official book
- 20. Tournaments only if there is an "IF" game it will be 3 innings