

# Softball Coach Pitch Rules Summary

*\*\*All rules not referenced in this summary follow the 2023 Little League Softball Rulebook\*\**

**Time Limit (Regular Season):** Games will end after 1 hour and 15 minutes of playing time.

**Batting Lineup:** Continuous batting lineup will be used. The lineup should be rotated either each inning or each game.

**Hitting Rules:** The offensive coach will pitch 3 balls to the batter. If the last ball is fouled, the batter will continue to bat until they put the ball in play, misses or doesn't swing. After the 3 pitches, the batter will hit off a tee. The coach shall pitch from either a standing or kneeling position about 20-25 feet from home plate.

**Half Inning:** A half inning will be complete when all batters have had a chance to hit.

**Baserunning/Outs:** A double is the furthest base that a batter can be awarded if the ball is hit past the outfielders. All batters/runners that make an out will be removed from the base paths. If 3 outs are made prior to all batters hitting, the bases will be cleared before the remaining batters hit. The last batter of each inning should NOT get a homerun. There is no running extra bases on overthrows.

**Defensive Alignment:** All players will play the field each inning using the standard infield positions with extra players positioned in the outfield. It is highly recommended that the defensive players are rotated after every 1-2 batters to keep even playing time and the kids moving. You may keep the same P & 1B for an entire inning. No player can play more than one inning at each P and 1B in the same game. Two defensive coaches are allowed to be positioned behind the infielders during the game.

**Infield Fly:** The infield fly rule will NOT be in effect.

**Stealing/Bunting:** Stealing and bunting are not allowed in Coach Pitch SB.