

Special 8U Coach Pitch Rules

1. Playing Field: Bases 60 ft., Pitching 35 ft., Pitching Circle eight (8) ft. radius around the pitchers plate. Outfield: An area behind a line from the back side of each base from first to second, and from second to third base shall be designated as the outfield.
2. Pitching Distance: The pitching plate will be placed at 35'.
3. Hitting:
 - An At-Bat will consist of 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes (if the final pitch is a foul ball, the at-bat will continue).
 - There will be no walks.
 - **Bunting is allowed. However, NO PULLBACK AND SWING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. The penalty is an automatic out. (For National Championship, bunting is not allowed - development aspect for IAUSSSA)
4. Baserunning:
 - There will be no stolen bases allowed.
 - Baserunners may not leave the base until the ball has been released by the coach.
 - On batted balls, once the ball is in control by the pitcher with one foot in contact with the 8ft circle, base runners must stop at the base they have obtained. If they are halfway to the next base they will be awarded that base. If the ball goes to the play and not the pitcher it remains live for the purpose of scoring and or defense to make an out.
 - Courtesy runner will not be allowed for 8U division.
5. Defense:
 - Defensive players may not be stationed in front of the Coach/Pitcher. Also, players may not move in front of the pitcher until the batter has put the ball in play.
 - All outfielders must remain behind the outfield arc until the ball is hit into play.
 - Two defensive coaches will be allowed on the field of play. Coaches must remain behind the Infield Arc.
 - Teams will be allowed to play 4 outfielders.
 - No Infield Fly Rule