

2010 7U & 8U Coach Pitch

Game Rules

LCYBA

1. Teams must register on official registration forms. Forms must be completed in their entirety before the first game of the season. No players will be allowed to transfer once season has begun. (See General Standings Rules)
2. Players may play on only one team in the LCYBA. A team found using a player who is on another roster in the same age division will forfeit that game and the player will be suspended for the next two games.
3. The 2010 LCYBA Registration form must be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian before the child may participate in the LCYBA.
4. Players who are 7 years of age or under on May 1st, 2010 shall be eligible to play 7U. A player is allowed to play up an age group, but players are not allowed to play down an age group.
5. All team members present and dressed out at the beginning of the game must play at least 2 full innings of each game (2 on the field & 1 at-bat). **The number of innings played will be monitored.** If a coach is found to be playing a player less than 2 innings the team will forfeit that game. (if a player does not qualify; that player must then start the next game) *See 2010 General Standings Rule 4*
6. 9 players will be permitted on the playing field. 8 players must be present to start the game. Game time is forfeit time. A 10-minute grace period (with a running clock) will be permitted.
 - 6.1 **7U may play with a rover. If a team starts with a rover or 10th fielder; they **must** finish the game with a 10th fielder. **If this option is used; they may not use an EH.**
7. An EH may be used in both 7U & 8U divisions. (*See 2010 General Standing Rules 5.1*)
8. All teams must have a minimum of 11 participating players on their roster and no more than 14.
9. Should a team forfeit two consecutive games without notifying the league VP, the team will be dropped from the league. ***Notification must be given two working days prior to the forfeiture.***
10. The **umpire** will flip a coin to start the game and determine home team (In Non-Division Games). The scorekeeper will keep score. Any discrepancies should be cleared up before the start of a new inning. After a new inning has been started the score from a previous inning will not be changed.
11. **Bunting will not be allowed.** 8U can use bats up to 2 ¾"; 7U may use bats up to 2 5/8".
12. No protests are allowed on judgment calls of the officials. The official score sheet will be final. Concerns about officials must be made to the league VP. All protests must be filed by the team Manager.
13. Teams must provide their own game balls. One ball per game.
14. Games will last 6 innings or 1:45 time limit (whichever comes first). No new inning shall be started after time is up. (*Unless game is tied – See Rule 17*).
15. Batting ends after 3 outs are made or 6 runs are scored (*See General Standing Rule 5.7*). Batters are permitted 3 strikes (a strike is called when a player swings at a pitched ball); each batter is allowed only 5 pitches (If the batter gets hit by a pitch, it will be considered a no pitch). If a batter fouls off the 5th pitch, he/she will remain batting until he/she strikes out swinging or does not swing at a pitch. The ball is considered dead when in possession of the pitcher within the pitching circle. If a runner is more than half way to a base before the ball enters the circle, then the runner can finish running to the base (*this is a judgment call*). 6 runs or 3 outs constitute an inning. Teams must exchange batting lineups before games.

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16. The adult pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber or center of circle, with no exceptions. The kid pitcher must stand to the side of the adult pitcher and in the circle. The adult pitcher is not allowed to field the ball. If the adult pitcher fields the ball the batter will be called out and the base runners must return to where they started. The adult pitcher is only allowed to defend himself and is expected to move out of the way if at all possible. All coach pitch pitchers must pitch over-hand. **THERE IS NO COACHING FROM THE CIRCLE.**

17. Coach Pitch Games that are tied after 6 innings or the 1:45 time limit will go into extra innings. The International Tie Breaker will be used. (The last out from the previous inning, will start on 2nd base)

18. Leading off and stealing are **NOT** permitted. If a base runner is called out the runner must return to the dugout.

19. There will be no infield fly rule. Runners are not forced to slide; however, if there is contact (without sliding) with a runner and a fielder (only when the fielder has the ball) the runner will be called out. If the fielder does not have the ball, the runner will be safe.

20. Batters, base runners, and on deck batters must wear protective helmets. Catchers must wear complete protective gear.

20. If the batter throws the bat he/she will receive one warning and will be called out if it happens a second time. If the bat is thrown and hits a defensive player, the batter will automatically be called out.

21. Exterior jewelry is not permitted on players.

22. Players must have numbers on their uniforms for easy identification, no duplicate numbers are allowed. (Back of Jersey)

23. Teams are required to exhibit sportsman-like conduct after each game by shaking hands.

24. Coaches are prohibited from coaching more than two teams in the same division.

25. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. If a coach, player, or fan is ejected from a game he or she must leave the park immediately. If the same person is ejected from another game he or she will be suspended indefinitely for the 2010 season (Includes tournaments). Further problems from the team may result in a forfeit of the game.

26. The LCYBA reserves the right to make final determination on any rules or interpretations that may arise throughout the season.

27. The Manager's Code of Ethics must be signed by the head coach and the assistant coach and turned in before the first game.

***Coaches please maintain integrity, be an adult, and a good example!
Thank you and let's have a great season!!!**