

COACH PITCH LEAGUE RULES

(Ages 7-8)

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1. Coach will pitch from the rubber or at a distance no closer than 37 feet. (Three yards/Three large steps from the American/National League rubber) The coach will pitch a maximum of 4 pitches or 3 strikes to a batter. After that time the ball will be placed on a tee. The batter will swing until they hit a ball in play. If the ball has been placed on a tee, the batter and all the runners may only advance 1 base. The method of how the coach pitches the ball is up to their discretion. The coach must be in a direct line between home plate and second base and within a width from one side of the pitching rubber to the other.
2. Bases 60 feet.
3. A ball that is not hit past the “minimum distance arc” is considered a foul ball. Balls hit inside the arc will be counted as a strike, except when the batter has 2 strikes on them. With 2 strikes the ball will be considered foul.
4. No player can score from third base unless hit in or played upon. If the ball is in the outfield the player can score.
5. The runner must be held if the ball is in the infield and in the possession of any player.
6. On an overthrow in foul territory, the runner gets the base he is going to plus one. On an overthrow in fair territory, the runners from 1st and 2nd may only advance to 3rd base.
7. Any ball in the outfield (non-overthrown) is considered live and the runners may advance as many bases as the defense will allow.
8. Base runners may not leadoff until the ball is hit. There will be one warning. Second time the runner is out.
9. The player playing the pitcher position must keep one foot on the rubber until the ball is hit.
10. NO BUNTING/NO STEALING/NO WALKS/**NO HALF-SWINGS**.
11. Teams will have all players on the field. Six in the infield and the rest in the outfield. (Outfielders must be standing in the grass before the ball is hit.)
12. Runners must slide. No contact at any time. NO HEAD FIRST SLIDES EXCEPT GOING BACK TO A BASE.

13. All players bat in a continuous order (ALL BATS MUST BE LITTLE LEAGUE APPROVED). All players must play three full innings in the field for a 6 inning game or two innings in a game less than 6 innings.
14. 4 run maximum per inning, except the last inning. All runs will be scored on an over-the-fence homerun.
15. All games are 6 innings. In the event of inclement weather, 4 innings will constitute a game. Games are limited in time to 1-1/2 hours. No new inning can be started after 1 hour and 20 minutes. Because of time constraints, a game may end in a tie.
16. The 1st and the 3rd baseman may not cross the line 2 feet in front of the base until the ball is hit. If they are across the line and field a ball the runners will all be safe.
17. A base runner will be allowed to turn in either direction after crossing 1st base.
18. Players must stay in the same position for the entire inning.
19. No misuse of equipment or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. Violation will result in ejection or forfeiture of the game.
20. Time must be called for a coach or manager to confer with a player or umpire.
21. Helmets must be worn from the time a player leaves the dugout until they return. Warnings will be issued to a runner that intentionally removes his/her helmet during this time.
22. All games must be played as scheduled. Changes must be approved by the scheduling committee. Rain games will be rescheduled and resume from the point they were delayed. Unavailable players will be removed from the batting order. New players will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
23. Managers will have their own children and their assistant's children on their team.
24. Games will start at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Any team without 7 players fifteen minutes after the scheduled game time will forfeit (an out will not count for the shortage of each player).
25. Any player disciplinary issues should be discussed with the player's parents and that league's commissioner.
26. Home team occupies the third base dugout and the Visitors will occupy the first base dugout. Home team will have the field until 5:45pm/Visitors from 5:45pm until 6:00pm.

27. Return game balls to JoBoxs after each game for reuse.
28. Home team manager is responsible for getting the diamond ready for play (setting up bases) and official score keeping by a responsible adult (underage score keeper must be approved by the visiting manager). In order to keep the website updated with current standings, the home team coach should report the final score to the league President (e-mail address can be found www.newlondonby.com). Visiting team manager is responsible for obtaining an adult base umpire who is familiar with the rules.
29. In the event of a disagreement over a rule, the managers of each team and the home plate umpire should discuss the dispute. If an agreement can't be reached, the umpire's decision will be final. **A JUDGEMENT CALL CAN'T BE PROTESTED.**
30. Protests should be handled in the following manner:
 - A. Inform the umpire and the opposing team manager (AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT) that you are protesting the game. A note should be made on the official score sheet at the point of the game that the protest is made.
 - B. Both managers and the umpire must report to the league's commissioner.
31. No infield fly rule. No metal spikes will be allowed.
32. Official Little League rules apply unless superceded by the above league rules.

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