

## RULE 8.00 – COACH PITCH SPECIFIC RULES

8.01 Fair Ball Arc: There shall be a twenty (20) foot arc drawn from first (1st) baseline to third (3rd) baseline in front of home plate. A batted

ball must go past this line to be a fair ball.

8.03 Pitching Circle: There shall be a ten (10) foot diameter circle with the front edge at forty-two (42) feet from the rear point of home plate.

8.04.B The pitching coach shall not verbally or physically coach while in the pitching position

8.04.C The pitching coach shall position himself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any possible play once the

ball has been hit.

Rule 8.04.C Penalty: If a coach violates this rule after the ball is pitched, obstruction shall be called.

Rule 8.04.C Additional Penalty: If a coach violates this rule before the ball is pitched, First Offense: Warning; Second

Offense: Removal of coach as the pitcher for the remainder of the game.

8.05 Pitching Coach: The Pitching Coach shall be an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

8.06 The catcher shall receive the pitch in the catcher's box in a normal baseball manner. If in the Umpire's judgment, the catcher is not

receiving the ball in a normal baseball manner, there shall be a warning issued. If the act continues after the warning, the offending

teams' manager shall be ejected.

**8.07A Players must throw the ball to make an out. A defender Chasing a runner with the ball will result in the runner being called safe.**

8.07 Ten (10) defensive players shall play in the field with four (4) outfielders. The fourth (4th) outfielder shall not assume an infield position.

All outfielders shall stay behind the baseline.

8.08 The defensive player listed as pitcher shall not leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit.

Rule 8.08 Penalty: The play continues. After the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or

no-pitch.

Rule 8.08 Additional Penalty: First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: Removal of player from the pitching position for the remainder

of the game.

8.09 Defensive coaches shall not be allowed on the field of play and shall coach from the dugout.

8.10 The Infield Fly Rule shall not be in effect at any time.

8.11 The batting order shall constitute all present players on the team roster at the beginning of the game. Late arrivals shall be inserted at

the bottom of the batting order. All players on the roster shall bat before returning to the top of the batting order.

8.11.A Teams may start a game with eight (8) players. The ninth (9th) & tenth (10th) positions in the batting order shall be declared

an out each turn at bat.

Rule 8.11.A Approved Ruling: A ninth (9th) & tenth (10th) player and all subsequent players may be added to the bottom

of the batting line-up as soon as they become available.

8.12 Teams may use free substitution on defense but the batting order shall remain the same.

8.13 Bunting shall not be allowed.

8.14 The batter shall receive a maximum of six (6) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes.

8.15 A player may only be Intentionally Walked once per game by announcement from the defensive team.

8.16 Runners shall not lead-off or steal bases. A runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is hit or reaches home plate.

8.17 A courtesy runner for catcher of record only the previous inning may be used. The courtesy runner shall be the player that made the

previous out. If no outs have been recorded in the game, the courtesy runner shall be the previous batter not on base. If the team

batting has not played defense yet and a courtesy runner is used for a player, the player that was run for must assume the catching

position the next inning. This scenario only applies in the first inning for the visiting team.

8.18 A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning.

8.19 Umpires shall call "Time" after every play and declare the ball dead. "Time" shall be called as soon as the all runners are not attempting

to advance. "Time" does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule.

Rule 8.19 Comment: When a runner stands off a base and "jukes" or "feints" back and forth, this is to be interpreted as "not attempting

to advance" and "Time" shall be called.

8.20 When a batted ball hits the Pitching Coach, the following shall apply:

8.20.A If in the Umpire's judgment, the coach did not make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the batter is declared out and no

runners shall advance.

8.20.B If in the Umpire's judgment, the coach did make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the ball becomes dead and a no-pitch

is declared.