



IFPAA League Rules
(Fast Pitch – 10 & Under)
COACH PITCH MAY 2010



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1. Kid pitchers pitch until there are four (4) balls on the batter. THERE ARE NO ILLEGAL PITCHES. Players are to be corrected and properly instructed and to do the best they can to do it right.
2. Batters do not walk or take 1st base if hit by a pitch—when a batter is hit by a pitch the coach will immediately pitch to that batter—if the hit batter is injured she can leave the game and return when healthy to play
3. Coach for team that is at bat will pitch to his/her team
4. Batter strike count goes to zero when coach pitcher enters
5. Coach pitches to batter until she either hits the ball or strikes out—umpire calls only strikes when coach is pitching
6. Coach pitch can be employed anytime during the game
7. If the teams have agreed to allow some walks, coach pitch is mandatory after two (2) walks in the inning
8. Coach pitchers should throw flat straight pitches commensurate with skill level of the batter
9. Coach pitchers DO NOT have to pitch from 35' and should pitch from any location where they can consistently throw hard and straight underhand motion pitches that are consistently in the strike zone
10. There is NO stealing or bunting when the coach is pitching
11. The coach is part of the field and any balls that hit the coach are in play—if the coach inadvertently catches the ball the batter continues to bat until she hits it or strikes out
12. If a base runner leaves the base too soon (before to ball crosses home plate) send her back and teach her when to leave

PLAYOFFS:

- A. COACH PITCH CAN BE USED IN THE PLAYOFFS AFTER A PITCHER HAS GIVEN UP 3 WALKS IN THE INNING OR BOTH TEAMS CAN AGREE AT THE START OF THE GAME TO APPLY IT JUST AS DURING THE REGULAR SEASON
- B. IF ONLY ONE TEAM EMPLOYS COACH PITCH, THAT TEAM WILL NOT ADVANCE IN THE PLAYOFFS
- C. IF BOTH TEAMS USE COACH PITCH, THE WINNER WILL ADVANCE
- D. WHEN A BATTER WALKS SHE MUST STOP AT 1ST BASE—SHE CANNOT CONTINUE TO RUN TO 2ND



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NOTE: BATTERS NO LONGER LOSE THEIR BALL COUNT ON A CALLED STRIKE PITCHED BY A KID PITCHER-THE COUNT IS WHAT IT IS UNTIL THERE ARE 4 BALLS ON THE BATTER.

ANY ATEMPT TO PICK A RUNNER OFF ANY **OCCUPIED** BASE RELEASES ALL OTHER RUNNERS AND THEY ARE FREE TO ADVANCE. A RUNNER AT THIRD IS FROZEN IF A THROW IS MADE ON A RUNNER STEALING 2ND.