

Cedar Springs Junior Ball League

Coach Pitch Rules

1. **Regulation ball rules shall be in effect except as modified by the following rules.**
2. All games last five innings or 1 ½ hours, whichever comes first.
3. When on defense a maximum of 12 players will be allowed on the field. Equal playing time is the goal.
4. All players will bat in order regardless of defensive assignments.
5. Tennis shoes or cleats are allowed—NO sandals-no metal cleats!
6. A coach selected by the batting team will pitch to their team. The player assigned to the pitching position shall be positioned within three feet on either side of the pitching coach. The player shall stay in position until contact is made with the ball.
7. Offensive base coach will umpire the bases. Head coaches have final say on all calls.
8. One team warning will be given for throwing the bat—after that an out will occur.
9. A batter can strike out. Either a hit, a walk or a strike out will happen at each bat. Strikes will be also be called if not swung at.
10. No intentional bunts allowed.
11. No stealing allowed—base runners must stay on the base until contact with the ball is made.
12. Games will be played like normal—if a ball is within the field of play, a base runner can advance until the defensive team has stopped that play. Overthrows can result in base advancement. If a child hits a homerun then that's what they get.
13. There is a 5 run limit per inning for each team.
14. The catcher must wear all equipment provided by the league.
15. All offensive players must be seated on the bench except the batter and any base runners. **Under no exception will there be an on-deck batter swinging the bat.**
16. No chattering is allowed by either team or spectators.
17. The defensive team shall have two coaches in the field as well as a coach stationed behind the catcher to call balls and strikes. This will keep the game going.
18. If there is a disagreement over a call, it will be dealt with by the two head coaches in an observed manner. If it cannot be resolved the game will be called immediately.
19. Coaches may not physically assist base runners but verbal assistance is encouraged.
20. Proper techniques should be taught-- so fielding a ball and running towards the base runner to tag them out in most situations is not allowed.
21. Coaches are responsible for their players and parents and should express good sportsmanship at all times. We are here to teach the players the game and to have fun. **Scores will be kept.**
22. Base length will be 50 feet and the pitching mound is set at 35 feet.

** Highlighted items are Rule changes from Tee Ball to Coach Pitch