

Nations Baseball Five Tool Youth Ohio State Championships: 8U Coach Pitch

PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A regulation team consists of nine players
2. Teams can use either nine or 10 defensive players. One player must play the pitching position and one player must play the catching position. Teams using 10 defensive players, four players must play outfield positions.
3. Teams must have a minimum of eight players to start and finish a game but must take an out for the ninth player. If the lineup drops below eight players, the game is declared a forfeit.
4. There is a pitching plate 40-foot from the tip of home plate from which the coach must pitch.
5. The pitcher must be within 2 feet of either side of the pitchers plate and cannot be in front of the pitchers plate prior to the pitch being made.
6. Each batter is allowed six pitches or three strikes. If a batter hits a foul ball on the sixth pitch, he or she is allowed to continue batting until he or she either does not make contact with the ball or puts the ball in play.
7. In innings 1-5 there will be a 7 run limit and in the 6th inning, it is limitless on the number of runs allowed.
8. There will be a mercy rule of 15 runs after 4.5 innings
9. A fair-batted ball hitting a coach pitcher is declared no pitch/do over if the umpire rules that the coach pitcher's contact with the ball was unintentional. If, in the umpire's judgment, a coach pitcher intentionally makes contact with the batted ball, the batter is out and no runners advance.
10. Umpires call time after every play and declare the ball dead. Time should be called as soon as all three of the following occur:
 - a. The lead runner stops attempting to advance
 - b. The ball is in the possession of a fielder in the infield
 - c. No defensive play is imminent
 - Time does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule
11. If a team roster bats, there is free substitution on defense. The batting order must remain the same.
12. The catcher must be located in the catcher's box
13. There are NO:
 - a. Base on balls
 - b. Base awards for hit by pitcher
 - c. Infield fly rule
 - d. Base Stealing
 - e. Bunting (players must take a full swing)
 - f. Intentional walks
14. If a player bunts or takes a half swing, it is a foul ball
15. Runners cannot leave their bases until the pitched ball crosses the front edge of home plate. A runner who leaves early is declared out and the pitch is declared a no pitch
16. Courtesy runners must be the last batted out and can be for the catcher of the previous inning only.
17. Barrel of the bat cannot exceed or be any larger than 2 ¾"
18. Time limit of one hour and thirty minutes
19. Pool games can end in a tie
20. Any rules not covered will revert to the Nations Baseball Five Tool Youth Tournament Rules.