

## PSAA League Rules: Coach Pitch Revised Spring 2014

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- 1) A Player must play in his/her designated age group. Playing out of age group is allowed only with Commissioner's approval. League age is Player age as of 4/30/2014.
- 2) All rules will be adhered to and any discrepancies will be reported to the League Athletic Director.
- 3) Any breach in the PSAA Player Code of Conduct or the PSAA Coaches Code of Ethics will be reviewed by the Baseball Commissioners and any appropriate action will be taken if deemed necessary.
- 4) A Player will not be permitted to participate until the PSAA Code of Conduct is completed by the Player and parent and returned to the Coach or Athletic Director.
- 5) All Players must pay their participation fee by the first game to continue practicing or playing games. Payment plans are acceptable.
- 6) Games are 4 innings or 1.25 hours (maximum) whichever comes first. Weekday game times will start at 5:45 or 6 pm. Weekend game times will vary.
- 7) Score keeping will be optional during the first two games. Both coaches have to agree to keep score during the first two games. The score will be recorded in game 3 and the remainder of the season.
- 8) Batter and all base runners must wear a helmet. Batting practice is not allowed inside the fence or on the field during the games.
- 9) There are no strikeouts.
- 10) All Players bat each inning and only the batter should have a bat in hand.
- 11) The batter is automatically out for throwing the bat. TEAM gets 1 warning per GAME. Safety, Safety, Safety!!
- 12) A hit to the infield, batter and base runners advance 1 base. A hit to the outfield, batter and base runners advance up to 2 bases.
- 13) A hit/fair ball is one that has been hit between the foul lines and goes at least 8' out of the home plate semi-circle. If a batted ball hits the pitching coach or is deflected in any way by the pitching Coach then the ball is dead and the batter and any base runners advance 1 base.
- 14) The pitching Coach can stand or kneel. All pitches must be overhand flat pitches. NO Arched, lobbed or underhand pitches are allowed. The batter will get 5 hittable pitches (more if the last pitch is hit foul). After which the batter must use the tee to keep the game moving. Once scoring begins after the first two games, coach may pitch up to 7 balls to hitter (more if the last pitch is foul). Any missed pitch thereafter and the hitter is out. There is no tee during the

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scoring session unless coaches mutually agree prior to the game. In that case the tee must be put in place on the 6th pitch and the batter gets two swings only.

- 15) Offensive Coach must inform Defense of the last batter.
- 16) An out is an out. Defensive outs are recognized. Remove the Player from the base.
- 17) Overhand throws only to the bases by Defensive team; no rolling the ball to the base.
- 18) An inning is complete when the last batter hits and an out is recorded or the ball is returned by the Defensive team to the pitcher. Last batter will attempt a "Home Run" unless batter or other base runner is put out by a defensive player at which time the inning is over.
- 19) Defensive players may not run to the dugout until play is stopped. All runs count on the Home Run by the last batter.
- 20) Each team will field 10 Players (4 outfielders). All infield positions must be fielded at all times. If less than 10 Players are available then the outfield positions will be left open. Once the scoring part of the season begins, if team has 9 players, the other team will only count its first 9 players.
  - a. If a team has under 9 players, the opposing team still counts runs from its first 9 players, the team under 9 players can only count up to its number of batters.
  - b. If both teams have over 10 players, all batters bat, however score will only be kept up to the equivalent number of players (i.e. If one team has 13 players and another 14, only 13 players will count towards scoring).
  - c. If a team has 7 players or under once scoring season begins, it will count as a "forfeit"; however coaches may still play the game at their discretion.
- 21) All catchers must wear an athletic cup. It is the Coaches responsibility to enforce this mandatory Rule and inform the parents accordingly. Safety, Safety, Safety!!
- 22) The pitcher may not run a batted ball to any base. The ball must be thrown to another Player playing the "base" position.
- 23) Every Coach will rotate Players to allow each Player to play all positions. Coaches must use their judgment not to put a Player at a position where they may not be able to defend themselves with their glove.
- 24) Players may not play the same position more than 2 innings in a game. Each Player must play an infield position at least 1 inning per game. Catcher is NOT considered an infield position in Coach Pitch.
- 25) Defensive players must not block the base paths. Outfielders must be at least 15 feet behind the infielders.



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- 26) Defensive team may have ONLY 3 Coaches on the field during the game to instruct. They need to position themselves so as not to interfere with or distract from the Offensive base Coaches and Players.
- 27) Rain Outs: The first rained out game will go in the first make up slot and so on. There is no guarantee a rained out game will be made up due to field/schedule capacity and unpredictable weather.
- 28) Sundays will be utilized when necessary for make-up games and practices.
- 29) Electrical Storms: There will be a fifteen-minute delay for each bolt of lightning that is observed. The baseball players will be directed to the dugout during the delay. We will try to get the game in if we can, but the coaches will use their best judgment to determine if the electrical storm is too dangerous to continue.
- 30) Hitting baseballs into the fence damages the fence, so please do not hit balls into the fence.