

## **2026 Coach Pitch Rules**

Coach Pitch Division shall be governed by the St. Charles Jr. Baseball/Softball Association rules except for the following:

1. Team rosters shall be made up of no more than 12 players.
2. Each team member will play defensively a minimum of every other inning.
3. Game will end at 1 hour and 30 minutes or 5 innings. Final score will be recorded from the last complete inning.
4. This division shall be limited to four 4 runs or 3 outs per innings, whichever comes first.
5. Each batter shall be limited to 5 pitches or 3 strikes. No walks. Three (3) strikes shall be recorded as an out. After 5 pitches the batter shall return to the bench and the next batter will come up to bat. (If the fifth pitch is a foul the batter shall receive 1 more pitch).
6. No head first sliding. The runner shall be called out.
7. Runners may not leave bases until the ball is hit. There will be one team warning, then the runners shall be called out.
8. Bases at 55 ft. Pitching - Boys 38 ft. and Girls 30 ft. Coach pitchers must pitch from these distances and must be in contact with the pitcher's plate
9. No infield fly rule or dropped 3rd strike.
10. There shall be catchers. The catcher must wear all equipment.
11. A ball returned inside the baselines in an attempt to return it to the pitcher shall be declared dead and all runners must return to last base they obtained.
12. When a ball goes out of play, it is declared a dead ball and all runners must return to last base obtained.
13. If a batted ball strikes the adult pitcher, it shall be ruled dead and batter shall be awarded 1st base.
14. One adult representing the defensive team may be positioned in the outfield to provide instructional aide. If a batted ball strikes the field adult, the ball shall be live.
15. Coach pitcher shall pitch to their own team and must throw the ball overhand for baseball and underhand for softball.
16. There shall be one league umpire at each game to call safe or out, fair or foul and dead balls. If league umpire is absent the managers may appoint a parent to umpire the game.
17. This is an instructional division and there will be no playoffs or championship games.
18. CP Teams shall be composed of 10 players, and a game may begin and continue with a minimum of 6, if more do not arrive.
19. A safety baseball will be used in CP Baseball. A 10" safety softball will be used in CP Softball.
20. Softball pitchers shall wear a safety mask.