

7&8 YEAR OLD COACH PITCH RULES

2021

The following rules set forth by Republic Parks & Recreation will be strictly followed and enforced.

1. Teams must register online at: republicparksandrec.recdesk.com. Teams found playing with players not listed on their roster will forfeit that game. No players will be allowed to transfer teams after the first game of the season has been played. Girls are allowed to play in the boys division.
2. Players may play on only one team in the youth coach pitch program. Players may play in two different age divisions. A team found using a player who is on another roster in the same age division will forfeit that game and the player will be suspended for the next two games. If the event occurs at the end of a season the player will be suspended for the first two games of the following season.
3. The roster or permission slip must be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian before the child may participate in the program.
4. Players who are 8 years of age or under on January 1st, 2021 shall be eligible to play. A player is allowed to play up an age group, but players are not allowed to play down an age group.
4. All team members present and dressed out at the beginning of the game must play at least 2 innings of each game. The number of innings played may be monitored. If a coach is found to be playing a player less than 2 innings the team will forfeit that game and the coach will be suspended for the next game.
6. 10 players will be permitted on the playing field. 6 players must be present to start the game. Game time is forfeit time. A 5-minute grace period (with a running clock) will be permitted for the 1st game only. A forfeited game will not be umpired. If a player is injured and can not bat he/she is no longer allowed to re-enter the game. If a player is no longer able to play due to an injury their spot in the batting order will be skipped and no out must be taken.
7. All teams must have a minimum of 12 participating players on their roster and no more than 15.
8. Should a team forfeit two consecutive games without notifying the Recreation Department the team will be dropped from the league. Notification must be given two working days prior to the forfeiture.
9. The umpire will flip a coin to start the game and determine home team. The umpire will keep score. Any discrepancies should be cleared up before the start of a new inning. After a new inning has been started the score from a previous inning will not be changed.
10. Bunting will not be allowed. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are not permitted by any player.
11. No protests are allowed on judgement calls of the officials. The official score sheet will be final. Concerns about officials must be made to the recreation supervisor. All protests must be filed by the head coach or the assistant coach at the Activity Center within twenty-four hours of the violation.

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12. Balls: Teams must provide their own game balls. One ball per game.
- | Girls: | Boys: |
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| 11" ASA approved stamped 4795 | official youth league baseball |
13. Base and pitching distance for Coach Pitch (Boys & Girls)
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| Bases – 60' | Pitching – 35' or within the circle |
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14. Games will last 5 innings or 55 minutes (whichever comes first). No new inning shall be started after 55 minutes of play.
15. In Coach Pitch all players will be in the batting order. Batting ends after 3 outs are made or 5 runs are scored. Batters are permitted 3 strikes (a strike is called when a player swings at a pitched ball). Each batter is allowed only 5 pitches (a batter can get additional pitches if the ball is hit foul until the ball is hit in fair territory). The ball is considered dead when in possession of the pitcher, or player within the pitching circle, or when a fielder intentionally throws the ball to the pitcher and it enters the circle or passes by. (regardless of whether the pitcher catches the ball). If a runner is more than half way to a base before the ball enters the circle, then the runner can finish running to the base. Five runs or 3 outs constitute an inning. Teams must exchange batting lineups before games.
16. The adult pitcher can pitch from either the pitching rubber or the front of the circle. The adult pitcher is also allowed to pitch from a knee. The kid pitcher must stand to the side of the adult pitcher and in the circle. The adult pitcher is not allowed to field the ball. If the adult pitcher fields the ball the batter will be called out and the base runners must return to where they started. The adult pitcher is only allowed to defend him/herself and is expected to move out of the way if at all possible. The coach pitch pitchers can pitch either overhand or underhand.
17. Coach Pitch Games that are tied after 5 innings or the 55 minute time limit will go into extra innings. One additional inning will be played to break tie games. If the game is still tied after one extra inning then that game will end in a tie.
18. A defensive field coach is permitted in the outfield to assist fielders on where to throw the ball. However, the coach may not at any time touch the ball or the fielder while play is going on.
19. Free substitution will be allowed.
20. Leading off and stealing are not permitted. If a base runner is called out the runner must return to the dugout and is not allowed to run the bases.
21. There will be no infield fly rule. Runners are not forced to slide, this is a non-collision rule. When the ball is caught by the fielder and is in close proximity of any base/plate and in the umpire's discretion a play is eminent, it is the responsibility of the runner to avoid collision with the fielder either by sliding or avoiding the tag. If in the umpire's discretion, the collision is deliberate or there is too much contact the runner will be called out. If in the umpire's discretion the collision is malicious, the player can be called out and possibly ejected from the game. This is not a must slide rule, but a non-collision rule.
22. Batters, baserunners, and on deck batters must wear protective helmets. Catchers must wear complete protective gear.
23. Boys must use baseball bats and girls must use softball bats. If the batter throws the bat he/she will receive one warning and will be called out if it happens a second time. If the bat is thrown and hits a defensive player, the batter will automatically be called out.

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24. Every field will use a double first base and both bases can be used by defense and offense.
25. A defensive coach is permitted in the outfield to assist fielders on where to throw the ball. However, the coach may not at any time touch the ball or the fielder while play is going on.
26. Exterior jewelry is not permitted on players.
27. Players must have numbers on their uniforms for easy identification
28. Teams are required to exhibit sportsman-like conduct after each game by shaking hands.
29. Coaches are prohibited from coaching more than two teams in the same league.
30. Each team will be given 3 coaches passes for free entry into the ballpark. All other persons, excluding players, over the age of 12 and under the age of 65 must pay a \$2.00 entry fee and 65 and older must pay \$1.00.
31. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. If a coach, player, or fan is ejected from a game he or she must leave the park immediately. If the same person is ejected from another game he or she will be suspended indefinitely from the Republic Parks and Recreation programs pending a meeting with the Recreation Supervisor and/or the Parks and Recreation Director. Further problems from the team may result in a forfeit of the game.
32. The recreation supervisor reserves the right to make final determination on any rules or interpretations that may arise throughout the season.
33. The Code of Ethics must be signed by the head coach and the assistant coach and turned in at the coaches meeting.
34. Practices can be reserved prior to the season. Once the season begins only teams with a weekend time or some of the Wednesday practice times will still be reserved depending on availability.
35. If a game is considered not complete due to weather conditions, it will be rescheduled from the beginning. A complete game will consist of 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) or 15 minutes are left on the clock for 55 minute game.
36. Lightning/Inclement Weather policy for games. During games if lightning is detected within a 0-5 mile radius games will be suspended for at least twenty (20) minutes. If lightning continues after (20) minutes any games that were suspended will be cancelled. After (30) minutes of delay all games will be cancelled.

* Rainouts will be re-scheduled on Saturdays.

