



8u Babe Ruth Coach Pitch



- Focus on skills, development, and fundamentals in multiple positions for all players.
- A Game will consist of 75 minute finish the inning.
- A complete half inning will consist of 3 outs or 4 runs.
- Coaches will be allowed to secure 4 players for their team. All other players will be evaluated and drafted to equal teams.
- Teams will consist of 10-14 players.
- Each team may play a game with 8 players without penalty. Teams may borrow players from other teams in the same age division, or lower, if properly registered in one of the West Texas Fastpitch leagues. A team may not borrow players in excess of 9 players. A borrowed player can not pitch or catch and must bat at the end of the batting order. A team may not borrow any players during the end of season tournament.
- The offensive team will bat the entire line-up.
- Each batter receives a maximum of four pitches. A batter is out if they strike out on or before the fourth pitch, or if they don't hit the ball into play after four pitches.
- The team batting can have 2 base coaches and a pitching coach. The 2 base coaches are considered the offensive coaches. The pitching coach is a pitcher only and is not allowed to coach the batters or runners.
- Stealing is allowed.
- The defensive team can have one coach on the field that needs to remain by the fence the length of the dugout, but the umpire can restrict coaches to the dugout at any time if they deem necessary.
- Defense will have 9 position players, 6 infielders (including pitcher and catcher) and 3 outfielders. The outfielders must be in the grass.
- A player can only sit out one defensive inning unless there are extenuating circumstances or if every kid on the team has already sat out an inning.
- Time will be called by the home plate umpire when the ball enters the pitching circle. The umpire will have the runner go to the closest base or back to the last base touched.
- Infield fly rule will be enforced.
- All defensive infield players, including the pitcher, must wear a protective fielding mask. The catcher must wear protective headgear, chest protector, and shin guards. All offensive players must wear helmets with a faceguard while on the playing field.
- The game can end in a tie.
- The home team is listed first on the schedule and will be the official scorekeeper.
- The league will provide the game balls and catcher gear that will be left behind home plate for both teams to share.