

2021 WCSA Annual All-Star Tournament Baseball Rules

COACH PITCH DIVISIONS (7U-8U)

WCSA Baseball is not currently affiliated with any organization (i.e. Little League, etc.). Nations rules will serve as the primary set of rules except as modified herein.

TIME: Each **Pool** game in this division will be 60 minutes drop dead finish the bat. Schedules are set for 75 minutes which should give 15 minutes between games. Games may end in a tie for pool only.

BRACKETS: Each **Bracket** game in this division will be 70 minutes finish the inning. Schedules are set for 95 minutes 15 minutes between games. Bracket games must have a winner. If after time has run out or 5 innings the game is tied, California Rules will apply (outlined below).

When time expires, if the team at bat is home team and they are leading, game will be declared over. If Visitor is at bat and they are leading, game will finish the inning with home team getting to finish batting.

Each ½ inning will be a 5 Run Max.

PLAYING RULES:

1. Coach Pitch teams will roster bat.
2. Each batter will be allowed Six (6) pitches or three (3) strikes. If a batter hits a foul ball on the sixth pitch, he will be allowed to continue batting until he does not make contact with the ball or puts the ball in play.
3. There are no bunting or soft swings. Penalty: The batter is called back to the plate, the ball is dead, no runners may advance, and the pitch shall be considered a foul ball.
4. Runners may not leave their bases until the pitched ball crosses the front edge of home plate. A runner who leaves early will be declared out and the pitch will be called a no pitch.
5. 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.

**Runners will return to the base which they are legally entitled.
6. The coach pitcher will pitch from the rubber (pitch starts with one (1) foot touching the rubber) at 40 feet. The ball must be released while the pitcher still has one foot in contact with the rubber.

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7. The coach pitcher may not talk to or coach players in any way nor can he talk to his fellow coaches while on the mound (lets apply logic here. If there is a safety situation that he is alerting the umpire etc., let's not penalize).
8. Ten defensive players will be allowed on the field, with the tenth being a fourth outfielder. No more than 6 infielders will be allowed. (This is NOT Mandatory). Teams can have 3 outfielders only.
9. The player in the pitcher's position MUST wear a batter's helmet while on defense.
10. No manager or coach shall be allowed to walk behind the infield area (home plate) to coach or position infielders, outfielders or runners. Their job is to retrieve the ball missed by the catcher to help speed up the game.
11. Only 1 base is allowed on an over throw to first. That includes the lead runner. Lead runner may advance one base at their own risk.

** Coach pitcher must pitch overhanded, no underhanded throwing of the balls.

** Coin Flip for Home

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KID PITCH DIVISION (10U)

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BRACKETS: Each **Bracket** game in this division will be 70 minutes finish the inning. Schedules are set for 95 minutes 15 minutes between games. Bracket games must have a winner. If after time has run out or 5 innings the game is tied, California Rules will apply (outlined below).

When time expires, if the team at bat is home team and they are leading, game will be declared over. If Visitor is at bat and they are leading, game will finish the inning with home team getting to finish batting.

RUN LIMIT: Each ½ inning will be a 5 Run Max.

PLAYING RULES:

1. Kid Pitch teams will roster bat
2. Pitchers can throw no more than 24 outs for the TOURNAMENT weekend and no more than 15 outs in a single day and no more than 9 outs in a single game. If a team violates this rule, the player in question is removed from that game. If a team violates this rule a 2nd time, they will automatically forfeit the remainder of the tournament.
3. Balks will be a warning with no advance of bases and no outs. If a balk is called by an umpire (and please call them), play will be stopped so umpire can explain the warning. No outs may be applied if one is a result of the balk or the play in which the balk occurred.
4. 10U up - The Dropped Third Strike rule is in effect.
5. **Base Stealing:**
 - a. There is a 10-foot mark placed off first, second, and third base.
 - b. The runner can take a lead but cannot cross the 10-foot mark until the ball crosses the plate.
 - c. The runner is allowed to steal when the ball crosses the plate.
 - d. The runner can take the next base at his own risk on an attempted pick off.
 - e. If runner leaves early in an attempt to steal before the ball crosses the plate the runner will be called out.
 - f. A base runner / runners MAY advance if the pitcher overthrows a base while attempting a pickoff move.

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KID PITCH DIVISION (12U-14U)

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TIME: Each **Pool** game in this division will be 60 minutes drop dead finish the bat. Schedules are set for 75 minutes which should give 15 minutes between games. Games may end in a tie for pool only.

BRACKETS: Each **Bracket** game in this division will be 70 minutes finish the inning. Schedules are set for 95 minutes 15 minutes between games. Bracket games must have a winner. If after time has run out or 5 innings the game is tied, California Rules will apply (outlined below).

When time expires, if the team at bat is home team and they are leading, game will be declared over. If Visitor is at bat and they are leading, game will finish the inning with home team getting to finish batting.

PLAYING RULES:

1. Kid Pitch teams will roster bat
2. Pitchers can throw no more than 24 outs for the entire weekend and no more than 15 outs in a day (please note this is a little different than 9-10's). We are not limiting 12U-14U to 9 outs per game. If a team violates this rule, the player in question is removed from that game. If a team violates this rule a 2nd time, they will automatically forfeit the remainder of the tournament.
3. Balks will result in a warning for first attempt and a base awarded on second attempt 12U and up
4. The dropped Third Strike will be in effect for 12U and above.
5. Open bases in effect for 12U and above.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SEEDING: Seeding after pool game will follow this order: wins-losses, runs against, run diff, runs for.

CALIFORNIA RULES: California Rules will apply if bracket games end in a tie last inning. First extra inning; previous 2 batters from last at bat on base. Base runners on 2nd and 3rd base. 0 out. Batter of record at bat. Play the full inning. If a tie remains, 2nd extra innings (and following innings) previous 2 batters on all bases, 1 outs. Play full innings until a winner is decided.