

## HUNTER YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION RULES

### BASEBALL 8U COACH PITCH

1. A team shall consist of 10 players on the field. Minimum of 8 players. A total of 6 players must be from the roster. Players can be picked up from T-ball (only) if needed.
2. Coaches will pitch to their own player from the rubber.
  - Each player will receive a maximum of 5 pitches. If the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is hit as a foul, the player is still alive.
  - A ball hit that strikes the coach will be considered a live ball. However, if the coach makes a play (in self-defense), this will be considered a dead ball. The batter will replay, and all runners will return to the base they occupied prior to the play. If this happens on the 5<sup>th</sup> coach pitch, another pitch will be permitted.
  - The defensive player must remain near the pitching mound even with the pitching rubber in a position to make a play in the event the ball is hit in their direction.
3. Outfielders must remain in the outfield grass until the ball is hit.
4. A runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit. If found to leave “early”, as determined by the umpire, the runner will be called out, the ball is dead, and all runners return to original bases.
5. A full swing must be always taken. A half swing will be called a dead ball and part of pitch count. However, a half swing on the fifth pitch is an out.
6. The catcher must remain in their position on either side of home plate. They will wear the protective helmet and position themselves, so they are behind the batter.
7. If the ball is thrown from the field of play, the “one plus one” rule applies. If this occurs during the last batter, then the offensive coach may allow the play to stand with the “one plus one” rule or may have all runners return to their original base and the last batter will bat over (with the same count as before hit).
8. The infield fly rule does not apply.
9. Play continues until the umpire calls “time”. This is done when, in the opinion of the umpire.
  - Any **infielder** in fair territory can request “time” but play will continue until the umpire grants the request. All players will return to the base if they have not crossed the 30-ft hash mark which will determine if the runner may advance to the next base or if they must return to the previous base. Hash marks are between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> and home.
  - When the Umpire calls “Time” ALL play is dead at that moment.
10. A team is permitted to bat until there are 3 outs or until the 10<sup>th</sup> batter has come to the plate. Teams will bat the roster. However, only 10 players will be allowed to bat per inning. If less than 10 players and no subs, restart top of batting order until 10 players bat. The 10<sup>th</sup> batter will be considered the “last batter”. In the case of batting around, the team at bat will notify the defensive team when the last batter comes to the plate. This creates a two-out situation. The inning ends when:



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- The batter hits the ball well enough that he/she reaches home before a play is made.
  - The defensive team makes a play on a runner in the field once the ball is hit.
  - When home plate is touched.
11. A batter throwing the bat after hitting the ball will be called out and the play is called dead, after one warning. There will be 1 team warning given per team and game.
  12. A 12-run rule will apply after 4 complete innings.
  13. Force out rule always applies.
  14. Games will consist of 6 innings or 1:15 time limit. No new inning will be started after 1 hour of play time unless there is a tie situation.
  15. All outfielders must stay in the grass until the ball is hit.
  16. HYRA board recommends pitchers to wear pitcher facemask. At the discretion of Coach and Parents.
  17. All coaches pitching must walk to foul territory on a fair ball to not interfere with the play.
  18. The coach pitching shall not coach the batter or any base runner when the ball is in play. This includes telling players to run or stay. Only base coaches should be directing base runners. Violation of this rule will result in a warning to the coach. A second violation will result in the coach being removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

**RULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT HYRA DISCRETION**



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