

## HUNTER YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION RULES

### BASEBALL 8U COACH PITCH

#### Field

- The pitcher rubber to the back of the home plate is 38 ft.
- Bases are 60 ft.

#### Equipment

- HYRA board recommends pitchers wear pitcher facemasks, but this is left at the discretion of the Coach and Parents. This is not supplied by HYRA.
- Each team will get 1 batting helmet with facemask supplied by HYRA for catchers position.

#### Game

- A team shall consist of 10 players on the field. Minimum of 8 players. A total of 6 players must be from the team roster. Players can be picked up from T-ball (only) if needed.
  - **\*\*Subs MUST come from a lower age division and play the outfield and MUST bat the bottom of the lineup.\*\***
- 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 that hit).
- 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 1st and 2nd base, 2nd and 3rd base, as well as 3rd and home.
  - When the Umpire calls “Time” ALL play is dead at that moment.
- A team is permitted to bat until there are 3 outs or until the 10th 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 the top of the batting order until 10 players bat. The 10th 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:
  - 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.
- A 12-run rule will apply after 4 complete innings.
- Games can end in a tie for season games.
- Force out rule always applies.
- Games will consist of 6 innings or 1:15 time limit. No new inning will be started after 1 hour of playing time.

#### Pitching

- Coaches will pitch to their own player from the rubber.



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- Each player will receive a maximum of 5 pitches or 3 strikes. If the last pitch is fouled off, the batter will receive an additional pitch.
- 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 5th 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.
- All coaches pitching must walk to foul territory on a fair ball to not interfere with the play.
- 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.

### **Batting**

- A full swing must be always taken. A half swing will be called a dead ball and part of the pitch count. However, a half swing on the fifth pitch is an out.
- The infield fly rule does not apply.
- A player throwing the bat after hitting the ball will receive a team warning that will become an out if any player on the team throws the bat after the warning is given.

### **Base Running**

- 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 their original bases.

### **Defense**

- Outfielders must remain in the outfield grass until the ball is hit.
- The catcher must remain in their position on either side of home plate against the backstop opposite the batter. They will wear the protective helmet with a face mask.

### **Coach**

- Coaches are responsible for parents and family members.



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