

# **2021 Fall Ball Special Rules**

## **Pre-Minors – Coach Pitch (7-8)**

1. All pitches will be delivered from a coach pitcher, from no less than 40 feet.
  2. All teams shall list every available player for that game in the batting order. Every player will bat in rotation. Once the line up is turned into the opposing team scorekeeper, any player who shows up late will be placed at the end of the batting order.  
Exception: No team will have to bat more than 12 batters in the lineup  
Example: Team A has 11 players show up for the game  
Team B has 14 players show up for the game.  
Team A will bat all their players in rotation.  
Team B will bat 12 players in rotation and have 2 substitute batters that must be entered into the batting lineup
  3. The nine (9) batter rule will be in effect. When the ninth batter comes to bat, the game situation will be declared as follows: there will be 2 outs, regardless of the actual number of outs. The inning will end when the third out is made or the ninth batter scores.
  4. Each batter will receive up to 5 pitches per turn at bat. If 3 strikes occur before 5 pitches, the batter is out. A foul ball will no count as strike 3 or the fifth pitch
  5. Every player must play 3 defensive innings (free substitution).
  6. If both teams have a minimum of 10 players, both teams will play 4 outfielders  
If one or both teams have only 9 players both teams will play 3 outfielders.
  7. The only defensive players required to wear a face mask is the catcher and pitcher.
  8. The pitcher (player) will position himself 3 foot left or right of the official pitchers rubber (not the 40 foot distance the coach pitcher is allowed to move to).
  9. If the batted ball hits the coach pitcher the ball will be declared a dead ball and the batter will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base. Any base runner that is “FORCED” to advance will advance 1 base
  10. There will not be an infield fly ball rule used in this league
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11. Time-Outs: time outs will be called by the umpire when; (a) the lead runner has stopped his momentum when advancing to the next base. (b) when in the umpire's opinion the ball is in the infield and normal baseball play has stopped. (c) the ball has reached the home plate area (after the lead runner has advanced to the next base ) the catcher does not have to have possession of the ball. Note: a fielder holding the ball while a runner is advancing to the next base or the fielder throwing the ball to the pitcher does not constitute a time out.

12. After 5 innings of play or (in the case the home team is leading 4 ½ innings) a 10 run slaughter rule will be in effect.

13. Time Limit, no inning may start after the game has been under way (2) two hours

14. Under no circumstances will any team have more than 4 adults allowed in the dugout or on the playing field.