

MPLL Coach Pitch Notes

COACH PITCHER

- Coach will pitch with one foot in contact with pitching rubber
- Pitches to be thrown overhanded
- Batter gets five pitches or three swings and misses (strikes)
- A batted ball that contacts coach pitcher is a dead ball and is not counted as a pitch
- Coach pitcher is to leave the field when the ball is in play, only return after umpires calls time

BATTER

- Batter not permitted to sling or throw the bat; may be called out at umpire's discretion
- Bunting is permitted, however once a batter squares to bunt, the batter may not swing the bat on that pitch
- Bunted ball that goes foul on third strike results in an out

FIELDING

- Coach players to execute baseball plays
- A player may only play pitcher or 1B for a maximum of two consecutive innings
- After the player is moved from either position (even if player only played 1 inning), the player must play an outfield position or catcher for 2 innings prior to returning to infield
- No player will play outfield entire game.
- To stop the play, the ball must be in front of the lead runner
- Teams switch sides after three outs or offense score five runs

BASE RUNNING

- Teach players to properly run bases
- Base runners are not permitted to slide head first, runner will be called out
- If there is a play at any base or home, runner must slide; colliding with a player in an attempt to dislodge the ball will result in an out
- Runner will be called out if base coach makes contact with the runner
- If the catcher for the next inning is on base with two outs, the last batted out should run for the catcher or dress a different catcher for the next inning

MINIMUM PLAYERS

- A team may not begin a game with less than eight players
- A team playing with eight players must take an out for the 9th batter
- If a coach knows that his/her team will be not have enough players to play, contact Trey Stuart