

## 2025 Coach Pitch WCBA Rules

1. All players will bat in the starting line-up.
2. The batters on deck must wear helmets.
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4. 5 pitches to each batter. (There are no strikeouts).
  - a. If after 5 pitches and the batter fails to hit the ball, they are out.
5. Adult pitcher must pitch inside the circle.
6. If the ball hits the adult, the play is dead.
7. The play is dead when a player has **control of the ball in the infield**.
  - a. If the player with control chooses to **make a play** on a runner the play is still active.
8. There will be no infield fly rule.
9. There is no leading off or running starts.
  - a. There will be one warning per team
  - b. The second time will result in an out.
10. When a ball is called dead, if the runner is beyond the halfway mark, they advance one base.
  - a. If not to the halfway mark, they must return to the previous base.
11. There are 5 runs per inning, per team.
12. The last inning has no limit on runs scored.
13. Run rules:
  - a. 15 run rule after 4 innings
  - b. 12 run rule after 5 innings
14. If a player is hurt, he is not out, skip him.
15. Both teams **should** keep a scorebook.
  - a. Home team is the official scorebook and must report final results to the WCBA Commissioner via GameChanger.
16. It's coaches' discretion on pitcher's helmets.
17. Big barrel bats are permitted.
18. Coaches are responsible for conduct of players and parents.
19. A game can be started with a minimum of 8 players.
  - a. There must be a catcher.
20. New players can be added to the end of the order.
21. Assistant coaches must keep catchers ready.
22. Respect the umpires and their calls.
23. No sliding at first base.

- a. Player will be called out.
- 24. Games are 6 innings.
- 25. No throwing of bats.
  - a. One warning per team.
  - b. Next time will result in an out.
- 26. Runners can tag up on fly balls to the outfield only.
- 27. Please be ready with your team 15 minutes before scheduled game time.
- 28. Players shall not attain the age of 9 prior to May 1st of the current year.
- 29. Time limit: 1 hr 15 min
  - a. No inning will begin after

### **General Rules:**

1. A manager, or acting managers in place of the teams recognized manager, are the only people permitted to discuss playing violations with the umpire.
2. Prior to discussing any violation, the team manager (or acting manager) must first request and be granted a time out by the home plate umpire.
3. Players cannot turn 9 before May 1st.
  - a. If a players' age is being challenged, team managers shall provide proof of the player(s) age immediately.
  - b. Please bring a copy of each player's birth certificate to each game.
  - c. Failure to do so will result in the player(s) being removed from the game or forfeiting the game at the umpire or tournament director's discretion.
4. There will be a time limit of 1:15 for coach pitch games, only if a game follows.
  - a. Game time is announced by umpire and time should be kept by both the home plate umpire and home team head coach.
5. There will be a 15-minute grace period on all WCBA games.
  - a. If a team cannot play after the grace period, the game will be ruled a forfeit, including tournament games.
  - b. Games must start at scheduled times, unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches.

**Let's not lose focus of why we are here. We are here for the children and let's set the example accordingly.  
Sportsmanship is a must for all players, coaches and parents!**