

2024 7U & 8U COACH PITCH TOURNAMENT RULES



THE RIPKEN EXPERIENCE MYRTLE BEACH

Coach Pitch Specific Rules

We will use all 9U Ripken Tournament rules, except for the following rules listed below.

Time Limit

70 minutes. No new inning may start once the time limit has been exceeded or 6 innings. No time limit in the Championship Game.

Run Rule

15 runs after 3 innings / 12 runs after 4 innings / 8 runs after 5 innings.

Pitching Circle

We will use the circle outlined in the turf.

- Ten (10) defensive players shall play in the field with four (4) outfielders. The fourth (4th) outfielder shall not assume an infield position. All outfielders shall stay behind the baseline.
- Defensive coaches shall not be allowed on the field of play and shall coach from the dugout.
- The Infield Fly Rule shall **not** be in effect at any time.
- Base length will be 60 feet. Pitching rubber will be set at 35 feet.
 - All defensive players must be behind the pitching rubber.
- No bunting is allowed. Penalty: The batter is out.
- No stealing is allowed.
 - Runners must be on the base until the ball is hit. If a runner is judged to leave base early, immediate dead ball. First offense is a warning (per team); Second offense runner is out (per team).
- The batter shall receive a maximum of six (6) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. If the sixth (6th) pitch is foul, subsequent pitches will be thrown until batter either A: strikes out or B: puts ball in play.
- A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning.
 - The only time a team can score more than seven (7) runs in an inning is an over the fence home run. EX. A team has already scored 6 runs in an inning. The batter hit a 3-run over the fence home run, then the team scored 9 runs that inning.
- No intentional walks.
- All teams must bat in a continuous lineup.
- Umpires shall call time after every play and declare the ball dead. Time shall be called as soon as all the players are not attempting to advance.
- When a batted ball hits the Pitching Coach, the following shall apply:
 - If in the Umpire's judgement, the coach did not make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the batter is declared out, and no runners shall advance.
 - If in the Umpire's judgement, the coach did make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the ball becomes dead and no-pitch is declared.