

# Old Brooklyn Youth League (O.B.Y.L)

## Coach Pitch (Division 2)

Revised: 2023 Season

1. Bases: 50 ft. Pitcher's Mound: 35 feet - with flexibility on player's ability.
2. Game length: 6 (maximum) innings. 1 hour and 15 minutes per game. 3 outs or once through the batting order.
3. A minimum of 7 players must be present to start all games with a 10-minute grace period.
4. Coaches may stop a play for instructional purposes as necessary in a timely manner.  
The two (2) offensive coaches will remain in the coach's boxes at the first base and third base. **No defensive coaches on the field. Coaches are to remain in the bench area. All players are to be in the bench area at all times when not batting or on the field.**
5. Batting order consists of all members present. Starting line-ups containing player's numbers, not names, must be presented to the opposing team. Three (3) outs or once through the batting order with a maximum "at bats" as the team with the most players.  
**Batting order must alternate gender.** Upon late arrival, the player must proceed to the end of the batting order.
6. Coach Pitch:
  - a. Pitcher to be manager or coach of team at bat.
  - b. Defensive pitcher is to be positioned at pitcher mound **but not directly in front of the pitching coach.** *Adult* pitcher is to pitch from the mound (**see Rule #1**). Player is to be beside and/or behind the pitching coach.
  - c. The batter is pitched a maximum of seven (7) pitches. If the batter fails to put the ball into play within seven (7) pitches, the batter is called **out**.
  - d. Swinging strikes are counted against the batter. A foul ball will be counted as a strike except on the third pitch. Exception: foul on the third (3rd) is on the seventh (7th) pitch.
  - e. *Adult* pitcher is to try to avoid batted and thrown balls. If the batted ball hits the *adult* pitcher, the ball is to be considered a dead ball and play is stopped. The pitch is replayed.

- f. Defensive team consists of twelve (12) players. All fielders must play in a given area in the field that corresponds to normal softball positions and the twelfth (12th) player must play 20 feet behind the infield bases. **6 infielders and 6 outfielders.**
  - g. **All outfielders must be in the grass.**
  - h. Coaches to pitch under hand, *must* be Coach or Assistant Coach.
- 7. No lead offs or stealing. Runners must hold bases until the ball is hit. If the runner leaves early, the runner will be called out.
- 8. Throwing the bat is dangerous. One team warning. One the second (2nd) infraction and every one thereafter, the batter will be called out. Any player who throws the bat in anger will be ejected from that specific game only. If a batter, coach, or player is struck with a thrown bat, **the batter is automatically out.**
- 9. **All players must alternate innings.** No player can sit for two (2) consecutive innings.
- 10. No infield or outfield balls are to be used between innings.
- 11. **Equal number of infielders and outfielders** for the entire game including the catcher.  
Two (2) girls must play the infield at all times (dependent upon availability). If one (1) girl attends the game, she **must play an infield position the whole game** (not catcher).  
Ex: See Rule #6.
- 12. One (1) base on an overthrow.
- 13. Rick Swasey Rule: **no tie games.** All games are to be completed.
- 14. Defacing of Uniform: *any* defacing of uniform (shirt), no alterations- ie. adding players names, etc...,during the entire season, the child will be asked to purchase a new uniform or will forfeit rights to participating in the rest of the season at OBYL League and registration fees will *not* be refunded.
- 15. Any player/coach/spectator ejected from a game will be suspended for **(3)** games- rain out games do **NOT** count.

**Smoking, Vaping, Chew, or Alcoholic Beverages are NOT permitted ANYWHERE on the premise, during games/picnics/practices/any other functions during the OBYL season.**