

2022 Paducah Chiefs Minor League Rules (Coach Pitch)

Rules

1. Players will bat using a soft compression baseball and bat provided by the team.
2. The batting team will provide the Coach Pitcher when they are batting. The same coach can pitch for both teams if preferred. The coach shall pitch from a knee, either overhand or underhand, from approximately 25-30 feet away.
 - a. If a batted ball hits the coach pitcher, the play is dead, no pitch.
3. The score will be kept by the coaches or a representative designated by coaches on both teams for all games, but scoreboards will not be used.
4. The half inning will be over at 3 outs or when the offensive team scores 5 runs.
5. Every player on the team will be in the batting lineup.
6. A max of 10 players can play in the field at one time (extra outfielder or infielder).
7. Rules of baseball will apply with a few exceptions listed below.

Batting

1. Players will get 5 pitches to hit the ball fair. If a pitch is deemed unhittable by the umpire or coach, it will not count towards the 5-pitch total.
 - a. If a player fouls the 5th pitch, the batting continues until the ball is put in play or they swing and miss, in which they would be declared an out.
 - b. If the hitter does not swing and meets the 5-pitch limit, or swings and misses on the 5th pitch they are out
 - c. Players are able to use the tee after 3 pitches, but the tee is not mandatory. They will then get two swings off the tee to hit the ball fair. The tee can only be used the first two weeks of the season.
2. Foul lines will be observed.
3. There will be no pinch hitting.
4. There is no bunting allowed.
5. A player will be called out for throwing a bat – there are no warnings.

Fielding

1. Free substitutions at any position. No switching of positions during an inning unless an injury occurs. All players must play in the field during the game and cannot sit out more than two innings in a row.

Baserunning

1. No leading off and no stealing. The runner must maintain contact with the white section of the base until the ball has reached the batter.
2. No pinch running with the exception of an injury. In the case of an injury, the last out can then run for the injured player.
2. A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher with one or two outs. The last out that inning will be the courtesy runner.
3. No running into fielders or running out of the baselines. Those runners will be called out.
4. Runners will advance only one base on an overthrow out of play.

Length of Game

1. Games will last 5 innings or 60 minutes after the start time, whatever happens first.
2. If a new inning has started before 60-minute time limit, the teams will finish that inning.
3. Coaches from both teams can agree to end a game any time after 50 minutes.