

Calvary League - Boys 7/8 Coach Pitch

1. Games will be 6 innings maximum. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 15 minutes from start time. *Official GAME TIME is the time called out by the umpire at the conclusion of the pre-game prayer. Official Game Time will not be delayed for late players.* A team must have 7 players to start the game. Teams will have approximately 10 minutes, from the time the umpire calls game time, to have seven members present and ready to play. After ten minutes the game will be considered a forfeit. The official game time will start when umpires calls it and will not start over when enough players are present.
2. There will be a 10-run rule in effect after 4 innings.
3. Field – Base Distance will be 60 feet the pitcher’s mound will be 46 feet.
4. Fair Ball- The ball must reach the grass to be considered a fair ball. If the ball does not reach the grass it will be counted as a foul ball and will count towards the batter’s pitch count.
5. A base runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is hit. Stealing is not allowed.
6. 10 players play in the field with 4 outfielders. The 4th outfielder may not be allowed to assume an infield position. All outfielders must stay behind the base line.
7. The batting order shall include all players on the team roster at the beginning of the game. Late arrivals will be inserted as the last batter. All players on the roster shall bat before returning to the top of the order.
8. A maximum of 6 runs per inning or 3 outs. At the end of 6 innings or the 1:15 time limit the game is tied-one extra inning will be played. After the extra inning, the game is still tied, and the game will be declared a tie. The exception to this will be tournament games. Tournament games will have to be played until a winner can be declared.
9. Continuation will be in effect. All runs scored during the final play of an inning, 6 run limits, will be counted. For example, if 5 runs have already scored, the bases are loaded and the batter hits a grand slam, all 9 runs will be counted.
10. Free substitution on defense. Batting order must remain the same.
11. No bunting.
12. Umpires will call "Time-Out" or "Time" after every play and declare the ball dead. "Time-out" or "Time" should be called as soon as play has ceased, and runners are not obviously advancing. "Time" does not have to be called by the participants.
13. Infield fly rule does not apply.
14. Athletic shoes or rubber cleats will be allowed. No metal cleats allowed.
15. Helmets must be worn by the batter, all base runners and the on-deck batter.
16. Catchers must wear a helmet, mask, and chest protector. Shin guards will also be worn if the catcher is attempting to catch the pitch. Catchers must wear protective cup at all times.
17. Home team will be responsible for keeping the book and visiting team will be responsible for scoreboard. Home team will be the team listed first on the schedule.

Pitching - Coach pitch only.

1. Pitching must be overhand.
2. Coach does not have to stay on pitching rubber but must stay on the dirt area of the pitcher's mound.
3. A batter shall receive a maximum of 6 pitches or 3 swinging strikes.
4. The defensive player listed as pitcher must stand with one foot on the pitching rubber (either the 3rd or 1st base side) and cannot leave that position until the ball is hit. Pitching coach hit by batted ball - See Below:
5. **The pitching coach cannot coach while in the pitching position (either verbally or physically).**
6. **Pitching Coach Interference.**
 - a. Once the ball has been hit, the coach must position himself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any play at all.
 - b. **In the umpire's judgment**, if the coach did not make a legitimate attempt to get out of the way, then the batter is declared out. No runners advance.
 - c. **In the umpire's judgment**, if the coach did make a legitimate attempt to get out of the way, then the ball becomes dead and a no pitch is declared.

ALL rules are subject to interpretation by the umpires of the game. Any other interpretation questions can/will be addressed by CLB staff as quickly as possible.