

**East Kentucky State Tournament
Cal Ripken 8 Year Old Coach Pitch Rules
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- 1) *All teams MUST have a minimum of 10 players. If all players are placed in the batting order then free substitution will be permitted. If all players are NOT placed in the batting order then regular Cal Ripken substitution rules will apply. Only 4 coaches on the roster and field (1 must stay in dugout).*
- 2) *The batter will have five (5) pitches to hit a fair ball. However, three strike prior to five (5) pitches will be an out. There will be no walks, intentional or otherwise. Batters hit by the pitch will not be awarded bases. Batter CANNOT be out on a fifth pitch foul ball unless the ball is caught. Additional pitch required until ball is put in play, strike out or ball crosses plate as a normal pitch.*
- 3) *A team's time at bat will end with the third (3) out or scoring the maximum runs in per ½ inning*
- 4) *No base runner may leave a base until the ball is hit. No Stealing or advancing on pass ball allowed.*
- 5) *The defensive team will have 10 players (10). They should be 4 outfielders, 4 infielders, 1 catcher, 1 pitcher. (pitcher stands on either side of the coach)*
- 6) *The length of a game is 2 hours or six (6) innings. If an inning starts before time expires then that inning will be completed.*
- 7) *The max runs allowed in one-half (1/2) innings is seven (7).*
- 8) *If a game is mathematically out of reach, any time after four (4) innings, the game will be declared over. The home team will not bat in the bottom when the score is out of reach by either team.*
- 9) *The infield fly rule will NOT be in effect.*
- 10) *Bunting is not allowed.*
- 11) *There will be no intentional walks.*
- 12) *The pitching distance is 40 ft and will be designated by white line not to cross. The pitching coach will pitch overhand, if the coach steps over the line during the pitch, the batter will forfeit one (1) pitch and the ball is dead.*
- 13) *Umpires on the field should be two (2) but could be played with one (1), ARGUMENTS with umpires will not be tolerated and could cause an ejection form the game.*
- 14) *Player calling time out on the field can only happen: when the defensive team has stopped the lead runner from advancing. Any runner making an attempt to advance can be tagged out. When time is called, runners having advanced beyond half(1/2) way point will be awarded the next base providing this does not force a lead runner beyond the base that should be awarded. The runner/batter will be awarded first base if time is called in lieu of making a play.*
- 15) *If a batter's ball hits the pitching coach the batter is awarded first base and all runners advance one base.*
- 16) *If the pitching coach intentionally makes contact with the batter's ball or a thrown ball, the runner nearest home will be called out and the ball is dead. The umpire will determine the call.*
- 17) *The pitching coach may not coach base runners during live base situations. The penalty is the runner is out.*
- 18) *Babe Ruth /Cal Ripken rules will be used for everything except what's listed # 1-17 of these rules.*

*** Some Rule will vary from the Ohio Valley Regional Tournament Rules***

Steve Bentley
State Commissioner