

Rules for 2024 MCYSA 8U Tournament

- 1) 6 inning games, coaches pitch, 60 ft. bases, pitch from 35-40 ft., coach-pitcher can kneel to pitch. 10 players on defense, continuous batting order. Unless injured, all players must bat in each game in the continuous order, and should play at least 2 innings in the field. We will not monitor the playing time in the field, that is on the honor system.
- 2) 5 runs max per inning except last inning which will be unlimited.
- 3) 5 pitches per batter, regardless of number of strikes—no tees. If 5th pitch is fouled, batter is still out. If last pitch is taken, batter is still out, etc. Let your batters know it is the last pitch, and they need to swing no matter what.
- 4) If batted ball hits coach-pitcher, it is a dead ball and a do-over. The pitch does not count toward the 5 pitches.
- 5) No stealing, no leading off, no bunting, no infield fly rule.
- 6) Sliding into a base is encouraged if close play, not required. However, base runner should make an effort to avoid contact with the fielder.
- 7) One base on any ball thrown out of play
- 8) Special baserunning rules: There will be a line drawn at the halfway point between the bases. If the runner on base has gotten at least halfway to the next base, at the time the ball is controlled by the defensive pitcher (not the coach-pitcher) inside a 6-foot circle around the pitcher's mound, the baserunner gets the next base. If not, the baserunner goes back to the previous base. This applies to balls hit into the outfield at all fields, where baserunners are going more than one base. Ball is dead when the ball is controlled by the defensive pitcher (not the coach-pitcher) inside the pitchers' circle. Note that if the defensive pitcher leaves the mound during a play to back up home or third, etc, another infielder may take his spot in the circle to catch the ball to end the play. Only one foot needs to be in the circle by the pitcher/fielder, similar to a first baseman touching the base. Multiple players in the pitchers' circle are not allowed.
- 9) First two days of the tournament- three pool games. Day #3 of the tournament, single elimination.