

Coach Pitch Softball Information Sheet

What is Coach Pitch Softball?

Coach-Pitch Softball is designed for traditional teams that do not have an athlete pitcher. This format allows a coach to pitch to his/her team to provide opportunity for their athletes to bat the ball in-play. This is intended **only** for those teams that do not have a pitcher that can consistently throw strikes to their opponent from the designated minimum pitching plate distance of 40ft. and maximum distance of 50ft. Teams that register for Coach-Pitch will only compete against teams with the same designation. Coach-Pitch teams will not be eligible for advancement to USA or World Games.

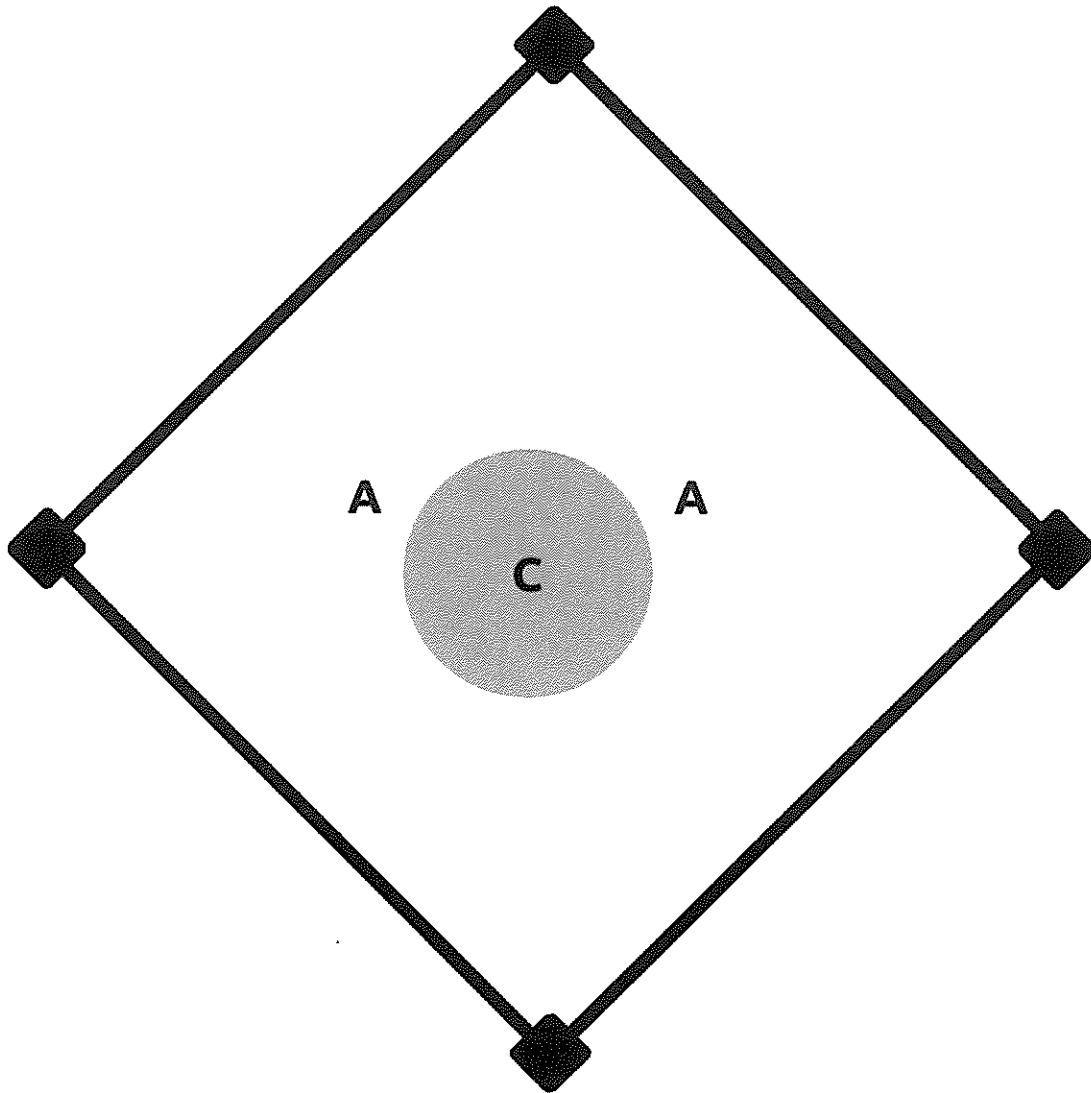
Coach-Pitch Rules

- Coaches will deliver underhand pitches to his/her team from the designated minimum pitching plate distance of 40ft. and maximum distance of 50ft. The defensive player/pitcher shall be 6ft. from the pitching coach. Player must stand to the glove side of the pitching coach, but cannot change sides between batters.
- An at-bat will consist of any of the following: 1) a batted ball in fair territory 2) 3 missed swings 3) a 6th pitch that is not swung at 4) a foul ball not caught the batter receives another pitch. No walks or hit by pitch will be awarded.

Pitch Count Clarification & Pitching Coach Interference

- Each batter will receive a maximum of (6) pitches or (3) swinging strikes; if the 6th pitch is hit foul and not legally caught by a defensive player, the batter will receive additional pitches until the player misses the ball, does not swing, puts the ball in play. If a batter is hit by a pitch and cannot or does not want to continue, no out will be charged and the next batter will come to the plate with a new pitch count.
- Coaches will pitch to their own teams. All pitches must be made within the designated pitching plate distance of 40ft. or 50ft. The pitching coach will make any and all attempts not to block any throws or interfere with a hit ball, but can protect themselves if ball hit right back at them. If a thrown ball accidentally touches a pitching coach, the ball remains in play. No coaches should be giving signals to indicate when a player should swing.
- If the umpire determines the pitching coach intentionally interferes with a play, the batter will be called out and base runners will not be allowed to advance.

Coach-Pitch Fielder Diagram



A= Athlete

C=Coach

*Athlete can stand on either side of the pitcher, but cannot change sides in-between batters. The athlete fielder cannot move in front of the pitching rubber until the ball is hit into play.
