**2020 Palm Bay West Rules for Coach-Pitch**

**NOTE:** The current edition of the Little League Baseball - 2020 Official Regulations and Playing Rules (the blue book), shall govern all play except as added, amended, modified, waived or clarified by the local rules set forth below. Any conflicts or issues regarding play shall be raised to the Palm Bay West Little League Board for resolution.

1. A level 5 restricted flight baseball will be used.
2. All players are in the batting order.
3. 9 defensive players used at one time. When both managers agree, teams may use 10 defensive positions. (4 outfielders, 4 infielders, pitcher, catcher).
4. Positions:
	* A pitcher is placed in the pitcher’s circle off to one side of the pitching rubber.
	* Defensive coaches are permitted on the field behind players for instructional purposes (this is encouraged). Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball.
	* No player may play the same position for more than 2 innings with respect to safety.
	* No player may be benched for 2 consecutive innings.
5. The manager or a coach for the team on offense will pitch the ball for the batter. The coach may pitch from the knee but must be more than half the distance to the mound. All pitches must be level at pace. NO SOFT TOSS.
6. Players will receive 7 pitches and may swing at all of them. Foul on the 7th pitch will get 8 pitches.
7. First and third base coaches are permitted in the coaching boxes to coach the runners.
8. All games will last approximately 90 minutes not to exceed 1hour and 45 minutes.
9. No bunting is allowed.
10. No base stealing is allowed.
11. There is no infield fly rule.
12. An offensive inning consists of 3 outs, or 5 runs scored.
13. Scores will not be kept.
14. There is no “on-deck” position in coach pitch.
15. Catcher’s will be outfitted with proper catching equipment to include a dangling throat protector.
16. All players must wear a cup.
17. Runners will be allowed to advance 1 base on an overthrow. (baseball is out of play)
18. **Defensive players are expected to make throws to applicable bases in an attempt to make an out.**