

**Flushing Summer Classic - 8U COACH PITCH TOURNAMENT RULES**

* **Games are 6 innings / 1:40 Time Limit**
* **Pool play games Home/Away determined by coin flip**
* **Pool play games can end in a tie. In the event of time being left in the time limit – a pool play game can go to international rules.**
* **In bracket play – the highest seed is home team.**
* **Each batter will get a maximum of 5 pitches unless batter strikes out**
* **Batter is out after 5 pitches. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch it will be treated as a 3rd strike foul and the batter will get another pitch unless the foul ball is caught.**
* **Coaches must pitch from within an 8ft circle around the mound**
* **Player pitcher must have 1 foot in 8ft circle around mound and wear helmet with mask**
* **If coach is hit by batted ball in play ball will be ruled dead. Runners do not advance and batter will assume previous count (strike is not counted). If umpire rules coach**

 **purposely let ball hit him batter will be ruled out.**

* **Play will stop when defense has control of the ball on the infield by an infielder (not**

 **Outfielder) Control is considered when player raises both hands up and is in FAIR**

 **territory**

* **There will be a mid-point line between 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, 3rd and home. If**

 **runner has not passed line before the defense has control of the ball on the**

 **infield the runner will have to return to last base occupied.**

* **Max of 8 runs allowed per inning until last inning where it is unlimited. If over the fence home run is hit all runs count if it exceeds 8 run limit. Excluding the last inning**
* **Mercy Rule – 15 after 4 innings. 12 after 5 innings**
* **Teams must play with 10 players with 4 being outfielders. Outfielders must stand on grass**
* **Round robin batting**
* **Tie Breaker – Head to head record, least runs allowed, runs scored, coin flip**

***PLAYERS CAN ONLY BE ROSTERED ON ONE TEAM FOR THE ENTIRE FLUSHING SUMMER CLASSIC – NO MATTER THE AGE GROUP***

***ALL OTHER RULES DETERMINED BY LEAGUE GFBL RULES AND OR MHSAA RULES***