

MODIFIED SOFTBALL TEAM PLAY

“COACH PITCH”

**** All rules concerning equipment, bats, balls, helmets, etc. can be found under the “Traditional Softball Rules and Regulations”. Listed below are the modifications to those rules. ****

COACH PITCH is for teams comprised of lower level athletes just coming up from Softball Skills and learning the team play concept and rules.

If a team comes to games entering the “Modified Softball Team” division and does not meet the specified criteria, the team will be moved to another division and will not be allowed Coach Pitch modifications.

Coach Pitch teams will be comprised of 12 Special Olympics athletes only (NO unified partners).

Each player will be allowed 5 pitches only.

- No walks will be granted.
- Hit or out will be the only two options.
- 3 swings constitute an out.
- Third strike foul tip is an out.

The coach pitching the ball will not be allowed to make intentional interference on the play of the ball. If the coach makes an intentional interference on the play of the ball, it will result in an out for the batter. (The only exception is personal protection from the ball such as a line drive **directly** back to the coach pitcher).

Only 2 Coach Pitchers will be allowed for each team. These 2 names must be submitted on the original games paperwork and will be the only 2 pitchers allowed during the tournament. **Coach pitchers must pitch from the pitching rubber.** The coach pitcher is not allowed to coach the batter in any way. The job of the coach pitcher is strictly pitching.

****See attached Softball Rules and Regulations for specified equipment (including specific modified softballs) and other rules.**

****Special Olympics Georgia reserves the right to move a Modified Team into a Traditional Team bracket if the rules committee deems the team is inappropriate for Modified Team Play.**