

2012 DSI Darlings 8u Coach Pitch
Cape Fear Optimist
Leland Girls Softball

Coach Pitcher Shall pitch from 30' in an underhand motion. The Player Pitcher Must be within the 8' radius circle behind the 40' pitchers plate She does not have to be in contact with the rubber (just behind).

The Coach Pitcher Must exit the field of play when ball is hit on the side opposite of the hit ball.

The batter will get 5 pitches to either swing and miss 3 for 3 strikes (OUT) hit the ball fair or foul. Or just look at the pitches. If she fouls off the last pitch she continues until she either swings and misses, watches the pitch or puts ball into play.

Stoppage of Play:

When the ball is hit and put into play. The umpire shall Call Time When the Player Pitcher has Control of the ball Inside the 8'' radius circle. At this point the umpire shall place the runners on the bases according to there position in the base path by the half way mark on the field. If the runner is less than half way she goes back to preceding base. If runner is past halfway she would go forward. When dealing with multiple runners this placement is applied to the lead runner. 2 runners cannot be placed on the same base. Ie. If the lead runner is between 2nd and 3rd less than half way and the other runner is between 1st and 2nd past half way. The runners go to 2nd and 1st bases.

Runners may advance on the bases until put out, or the player pitcher has the ball inside the 8' circle and the umpire calls time. Any over throw entitles the runner to advance at risk of being put out. There is NO OVER THROW RULE.

NO BUNTING, NO SLAP HITTING

There is no 10' arc in front of home plate. As long as the batter swings at the pitch and hits the ball and it is in fair territory it is alive and in play. Home plate is a Fair ball.

Inning ends with 10th batter rule. To stop play now the defensive player can get the ball to the circle or have the ball in front of the runner.

Please refer to your DSI Rules book under Darlings/ Coach pitch rules.

UMPIRE Mechanics:

One umpire, Shall start out in the extended SLOT position behind and to the left of the catcher about 10-15 feet, on right hand batter and opposite for Left hand batter. When ball is hit move out in front of Home plate so you can see all base runners and the ball.

