1. 8U Baseball and 8U Softball Divisions shall following Affiliated Charter Rules & Regulations as well as the Germantown Baseball Inc. By-Laws in which most of the provisions are below.
2. Birthdates:
	1. 8U Coach Pitch Softball: January 1st, 2014 to December 31st, 2015
	2. 7-8 Coach Pitch Baseball: September 1st, 2014 to August 31st, 2016
	3. Baseball Players with Birthdates range from September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017 (6 year old) may participate within the Baseball Coach Pitch division but must go through a Player Evaluation to determine placement within this division or division of their age. They must have at least one year played in the 6U baseball division
	4. Softball Players with Birthdates range from January 1st, 2016 to December 31st, 2016 (6 year old) may participate within the Softball Coach Pitch Division but must go through a Player Evaluation to determine placement within this division or division of their age. They must have at least one year played in the 6U softball division
3. Germantown has chosen Coach Pitch for Pitching to this division.
	1. Offensive coach shall pitch behind the 35 feet mark from the home plate.
	2. For Baseball: the pitch to the batter shall be over handed with as little of an arch as possible. For Softball, the pitch to the batter shall be under handed with as little of an arch as possible
	3. Coaches may pitch from a knee position is needed.
4. Coach Positions on or near the field shall be allowed following these guidelines.
5. 8U Division, the Offensive Coach shall be at the Pitching spot, first & third coaches’ box, or by dugout.
6. 8U Division, Defensive coaches must be by their dugouts.
7. Umpire on field has final determination for Coach positions as the safety and effect of play.
8. Umpire shall call Coach Interference/obstruction in event any coach interferes with any live play situation.
9. Batting Order
10. Every Player shall be on the batting order and shall bat in the order given to the scorekeeper before the start of the game.
11. If batting out of order is found and protested by the opposing manager, the ruling under Affiliated Charter rules and regulations shall stand.
12. In event of injury, sickness, not able to play, if the batter does not make his/her turn normally at bat, the scorekeeper and umpire shall skip that player in rotation and that player may not return during that game either offense or defense.
13. In event Batter is not available to bat and still able to play, Umpire shall follow the Affiliated Charter Regulations for making a call.
14. Runners on Base
15. Runner may not pass a runner that is running in front of them. If so, the runner that was past is automatically out called by the umpire.
16. Runner leaving base before the pitch ball has reached Home Plate, shall be declared leaving early. One runner leaving constitutes every runner left early. Runners shall be moved back to nearest forced base.
17. Runner may not be assisted physically from a coach, if so, the runner shall be automatically out once “time” has been called by the Umpire.
18. 8U Division, Runner who have missed a base may return to properly touch a base, opposing coach must protest miss bases as followed by Affiliated Charter Regulations.
19. Any runner that have not reached a base when the umpire has called “TIME”, shall be sent back to the preceding base.
20. Batter
21. A Batter will get 5 legal pitches or 3 swinging strikes to hit the ball live or be out.
22. A Batter who makes contact to the 5th pitch or 3rd swinging strike shall continue getting pitches until no contact of the ball or hits the ball into live play.
23. A Batter who hits a pitch directed back and hits umpire/coach shall be automatically awarded first base. Any runner shall advance one base if forced.
24. No bunting is allowed.
25. Time Outs
26. Offense gets two (2) time outs per inning not counting injuries
27. Defense gets two (2) time outs per inning not counting injuries
28. Umpires discretion on offense and defense times outs.
29. Injuries
30. During live play, anytime a hit ball directly hits a player who becomes injured shall stop play. Umpire shall award bases on runners as he/she seems correct.
31. During live play, anytime a thrown ball directly hits a player who becomes injured shall stop play, Umpire shall award bases on runners as he/she seems correct.
32. During live play, anytime a defense and offense players are injured during a collision, umpire shall follow the Affiliated Charter Rules and Regulations to award base/award an out.
33. Official Game
34. Official Game has been declared when the game has reached its time limit, has reached the mercy rule
35. 8U Division, Game Time limit is drop dead finish the batter 90 minutes and shall be kept by the umpire.
36. Max number of innings is 6 if not tied.
37. 6 runs per inning per team allowed. When one team is ahead more than mathematically the game shall end after 3 innings. Ex. 7 runs after 5, 13 runs after 4.
38. Official Start of a game will be announced by the Umpire when the umpire states the home team to take the field and announced the start time.
39. Shall the game be called for time, weather, lightning, or any other issues, if in middle of an inning, the game shall revert to the previous finished inning if not tied. If the previous inning was tied then, the game shall be postponed, and league shall attempt to make up the game if needed.
40. Official Bats
	1. Baseball: Bats must conform to the USA Baseball standard and shall not state its for tball. Softball: Bats must state its for fastpitch softball or Official Softball on it.
	2. Any Bat that doesn’t conform to the rules are illegal and shall not be used. Umpires if noticed before batter is in the batter box shall remove the bat.
	3. A Batter that is in the box with an illegal bat and is caught by the opposing manager, the umpire shall follow the Affiliated Charter Regulations in making a ruling on the field.
41. Protest
42. Anytime a protest is called, the Umpire shall notify the Scorekeeper to note in the scorebook.
43. If an umpire can use the Affiliated Charter rule book to find the correct call in a timely manner, the umpire shall handle it.
44. In event the umpire is not able handle the protest, all information shall be recorded in the scorebook, umpire shall finish the game and Vice President shall handle the protest after the game.
45. Defense/Offense
46. No defense player shall advance in front of the pitching coach before the pitch is thrown, Umpire shall call catcher interference if incident does occur.
47. Player who is playing the Pitcher Position shall remain to the left or right of the 46’ mark until the ball is pitched. This shall allow the player ability to see the ball being pitch and hit. Umpires’ discretion on this positioning for safety reason.
48. Defense players shall not block or imped any runner without making a play. Interference shall be called.
49. Offense players shall not block or imped any defense player making a play on the ball. Obstruction shall be called.
50. Offense players shall make every attempt to not physically make contact to any defensive player. Umpires discretion shall rule on this and shall follow the Affiliated Charter Rules and Regulations.
51. Free defensive substitution on any position and shall maintain same batting order throughout substitutions.
52. Any player who arrived after game has started and not on the batting order given to the scorekeeper, shall be placed at the end of the line up.
53. Defensive players must make plays by throwing, catching, tagging as normal play making for proper gaming mechanics. Umpire judgement will rule runner sale if proper gaming mechanics aren’t followed.
54. Time will be called when defensive player has control of the ball and a stale mate has been made between them and the lead runner and no play is being made on any other player.
55. No player shall be in the same position for more than 2 innings and may not sit the bench for more than 1 inning unless all players have equally set the bench.
56. Courtesy runner may be used for the catcher with two outs. Last out will run for the catcher.
57. No infield fly rule
58. Umpires
	1. When one umpire is on site. The umpire shall start each play in foul territory by the catcher and move into live play area when a ball is hit live.
	2. When two umpires are on site, one shall work the field, the other shall be the “home plate” umpire.