

## **2015 Pee-Wee Rules**

1. All games start at 6:30 PM.
2. An official game is 5 innings. Any game called because of rain or darkness is official after 3-1/2 innings if the HOME team is winning. Otherwise, 4 complete innings must be played. If lightening occurs, games must be postponed immediately.
3. Base distance is 50 feet. No official pitching distance, but both coaches must pitch from the same distance.
4. The defensive pitcher must stand 6 feet behind the coach.
5. No stealing is permitted. No lead-offs are permitted. Runner must stay on base until the ball is hit by the batter.
6. The catcher is not required to catch the third strike for the out.
7. No pick off plays of any kind are permitted. The return throw to the pitcher is a dead ball. The base runners cannot advance and they cannot be tagged out.
8. No infield fly rule. The ball must be caught for the out.
9. More than 9 players will be permitted to play in the field at one time, 6 infielders and 4-5 outfielders. No forfeits will be called due to lack of players, unless agreed upon by coaches.
10. Free substitution is permitted to keep players interested.
11. The batting order will consist of all players on the team. The batting order will be maintained; no batters will be permitted to bat out of order.
12. One half-inning will consist of 3 outs or 10 batters, or once through the batting order if less than 10 players are present. No one will bat more than once in a half inning.
13. If a player refuses to bat, he will not be considered an out, but will count as one of the 10 batters for the half-inning.
14. No walks will be issued by the umpire. The batter must swing at the ball and miss for a strike to be called by the umpire.
15. When the last batter for the half inning comes to bat the team at bat will be considered to have 2 outs.
16. Three coaches will be permitted on the field for defensive instruction.
17. The batter and base runners can only advance one base on a ball that first lands in the infield, even if it rolls into the outfield. The batter and the base runners can only advance one or two bases on a ball that lands in the outfield. All runners advance "at their own risk"; they must safely reach base. There is no intention to automatically award bases to any batter or base runner.
18. Shorts are NOT allowed. Long pants (sweats, blue jeans, baseball pants, etc.) are required for player's safety.
19. The coaches are required to pitch to the batter using an overhand motion.
20. The batter must maintain control of the bat at the plate. The umpire will issue 1 warning to the team for a thrown bat. Any subsequent infraction for that team is an automatic out for the batter.
21. Sliding is not allowed. The umpire will issue 1 warning to the team for sliding. Any subsequent infraction for that team is an automatic out for the runner.