

2019 PEEWEE RULES

TEAMS

- Home team provides game balls for each game. A Level 10 little league ball is used.
- Home team is responsible for notifying the visiting team of changes to the date or time of the game.
- Home team is responsible for rescheduling game cancellations immediately.
- Home team is responsible for e-mailing or texting the game results to: bresquire@gmail.com or 309-657-3872
- Each team must provide baseball jerseys with number and hats for each player.

PLAYERS

- No player may turn 9 before May 1st 2019. They may only be rostered on one (1) team.
- Teams can play with a minimum of seven (7) players. If a team is unable to field seven players defensively, discuss with the opposing team utilizing extra players they may have in order to play the game. At this age the goal is instructional- allow them to play. A minimum of seven players must be on the field during the entire game.
- **Every rostered player at the game must bat in the batting order and play a minimum of two (2) innings defensively in the field.** The batting order for each team should be listed in the home team's score book prior to the beginning of the game, including shirt number. If a player arrives after the batting order has been submitted, he will enter the batting order at the end of the entire order. If a player is unable to hit at anytime during the game, he is then removed from the batting order and unable to hit the rest of the game. He will **not** be counted as an out each time his turn to bat arrives.
- Players can be freely substituted into defensive positions at any time during the game if a dead ball situation exists.
- All players **MUST** be wearing the shirt and hat provided by their organization while on the bench or the playing field.
- Metal spikes will be prohibited. Hard or soft rubber cleats will be allowed.
- A player will be removed from the game for: 1). Throwing equipment in anger or disgust, 2). Using profanity or socially unacceptable language while on the bench or playing field. **NO warnings will be issued!**

GAMES

- No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes has elapsed.
- A new inning begins when the final out of the previous inning is made.
- All games will be six innings. An inning will end when: 1) three (3) outs are made or 2) five (5) runs have been scored during each of the first four (4) innings. Innings five (5) and six (6) will be open innings and end when three (3) outs are made.

PLAY

- Base length will be 60 feet. A safety base is required at first base.
- The pitching mound will be thirty five (35) feet from the back end of home plate to the front of the mound. The pitching mound shall have a sixteen (16) foot diameter circle around it in which the adult pitcher will pitch from, and receive the ball in.
- There will be ten (10) defensive players allowed. There shall be a player in each defensive position: pitcher, catcher, (4) infielders, (4) outfielders. All infielders will play normal positions with the outfield being in an arc formation a minimum twenty-five (25) feet beyond the infielders. Catcher needs to wear protective equipment and be behind the plate.
- The defensive team is allowed two (2) coaches in the field when their team is on defense.
- Pitching may be done by a coach. The machine has been removed as a pitching tool during games.
- Each player will be allowed seven (7) pitches or 3 swinging strikes before being declared out. An at bat cannot end on a foul ball up to a max of 10 pitches. All runners are required to slide to avoid contact with the fielder in any play at 2nd or 3rd base or home plate.
- Base runner may advance one (1) base on an overthrow.
- Base runners may advance until the play is stopped by the ball getting to the pitching coach in the circle. Use common sense here, if they are trying to get it to you, try for the ball. The base runner must be within ten (10) feet of the base when the play is stopped or they will be returned to the previous base. The lead runner will determine the trailing base runners positioning, i.e. if a base runner is going to home base and is returned to third, all trailing runners will return to the prior base. There will be a scoring line at 10 ft from home plate. If a player gets to/or beyond the line, that player is safe, even if there is a force at home. We are trying to avoid collisions.
- There will be **NO**: 1) walks, 2) stealing, 3) leading off 4) bunting 5) No tagging up on infield fly balls.
- Bat barrel cannot be larger than 2 5/8". Bats with a 2-1/4" barrel do not have a weight drop limit. Bats with a barrel greater than 2-1/4" and 2-5/8" or less will be subject to a -3 weight to length ratio. Please reference the IESA Baseball Bat Standards attachment for examples. USA bats are now legal per IESA\KVL.
- All other rules will be the same as in the IESA Rules Handbook as governed by the National Federation.