

# Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball

## PEE WEE Playing Rules

*Revised for 2015 season*

The purpose of this division is to give instruction on basic baseball skills and to teach sportsmanship. The Official Little League rules as adopted by Little League, Inc., are the official rules of baseball and shall be adhered to except where amended by these rules.

1. Game time is 6:15 p.m. for weekday games. Game times for weekend games will be determined based on field availability.
2. Games will have a 60 minute time limit. No new inning will be started after 7:15 p.m. for weekday games.
3. On a school night, practices will not exceed 8 p.m. The combination of games and practices will **NOT** exceed 3 per week.
4. Complete uniforms must be worn for a player to be permitted to play, unless personally approved by the opposing manager, the commissioner of the league, or the president.
5. A NOCSAE compliant facemask on the batting helmet is **MANDATORY**.
6. For insurance purposes and the safety of the players, all male players should wear a cup. All catchers must wear protective cups.
7. No jewelry or accessories shall be worn by any player. Managers must check the team prior to the start of the game.
8. All players present are to play both offense and defense. Six players may play in the infield. All other players are to be in the outfield and must stand at least 10 feet behind the base lines. No player will be placed at the catcher position.
9. Each player will play every position throughout the year. Managers are to record positions for all players in their scorebooks.
10. Two coaches are permitted in the outfield for defensive support.
11. No one may touch or physically assist a player to run or to be stopped from running. If a runner is assisted, the runner is out.
12. If the field is not lined, the home team is responsible for this. A 10-foot arc must be lined in front of home plate. A batted ball landing in the arc is a foul ball. Pitching mound distance is 25 feet. The distance from home plate to first base and to third base is 40 feet. The distance from home plate to second base is 57 feet. Halfway points will be used.
13. The game will consist of 6 innings, time permitting.
14. All hitters will hit off a tee to provide players the ability to learn and grow their skills throughout the year. It is also a means to keep a constant flow of the game in order to allow our young players to maintain their focus and attention in the field.
  - a. For the first ½ of the season, if a runner is out, they will remain on base to learn base how to run the bases.
  - b. For the second ½ of the season, if a runner is out, they must return to the bench.

15. A player will be given a total of 5 attempts to put the ball into play. If after 5 attempts the ball is not put in play, the batter is out.
16. After a fair ball is hit the defensive team must get the ball to the infield, and an infielder must have control of ball for the play to stop. Base runners must be at least halfway to the next base to be entitled to that base before the play is dead. This is at the discretion of the base coach.
17. Lead offs and stealing are not allowed.
18. No bases on overthrows.
19. Headfirst sliding will not be permitted. Runner will be called out.
20. An injured player may return to the line-up in his original batting position only once. If a player leaves the game twice, they are out for the remainder of the game. In this case, the player is removed from the batting order and no penalty is assessed.
21. Unsportsmanlike conduct including throwing the bats or equipment and verbal abuse will not be allowed. Managers are to warn their teams prior to the start of the game. A second offense by any player will result in ejection from the game. This rule includes the conduct of managers, coaches and spectators.
22. No tobacco products of any kind are permitted within 20 feet of any playing area.
23. **The home team is responsible to return bases and pitching rubber. The home team sits along the 1<sup>st</sup> baseline and keeps the game ball.**
24. Players may not remove batting helmets until they are in the dugout area. A warning will be issued to each team before the start of the game. Subsequent offenses will result in the runner being called out. If the runner removes his helmet after crossing home plate, but before entering the dugout, the run will score and an out will be issued.
25. **Each team is responsible for working at the concession stand one night in the season (three adults).**
26. **All teams are responsible for the cleanup of the field area after each practice and game.**

Please remember that the objective of the Pee Wee division is to teach the game of baseball. Scoring will not be needed. Teaching the kids good sportsmanship is more beneficial than winning or losing.