



7/8 yr olds -Pee Wee Regular Season Rules

The following Pee Wee Rules shall be used exclusively for the 7/8 yr olds (Pee Wee) age division for the Hattiesburg Youth Baseball Regular Season. The Official DYB Playing Rules as currently in use will be the basic set of rules for 7/8 Coach Pitch play as emphasized or modified below:

12.01 Regular Season Play:

- (a) A game will be a forfeit if a team cannot field eight (8) players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time.
- (b) Line ups must be turned in no later than 15 minutes prior to game time. Players arriving late will be added to the line up at the end of the batting order.
- (c) Time Limit: **7/8** – Six innings or One Hour 30 Minute (Whichever comes first) Scorekeeper will keep the time on scoreboard. Home team will bat even if they cannot catch up. If the game is tied when the official game time has expired, teams will play one overtime inning using international rules. This overtime inning will be played regardless of whether the game is in regular innings (1-6) or extra innings 7th or more. The additional inning will start with the last batted out in the previous inning being placed on second base with one out on the scoreboard. After completing the overtime inning, the game is over. If the game is still tied it will be recorded as a tie in the standings.
- (d) Fifteen (15) run rule at four innings or after will be in effect.
- (e) Balls - “DYB” stamped regular hardball will be used for regular season play.

- (f) No glass containers are allowed in the facility. No pets.

12.02 Playing Field:

- (a) Baselines shall be 60 feet.

(b) A 12-foot-diameter chalked or painted pitching circle (the "pitching circle") with a chalked or painted line in the center of the pitching circle at 46 feet drawn completely across the circle. The center of the pitching circle will be 46 feet from the back edge of home plate.

12.03 Coaches: 4 Certified Coaches only. One head Coach and 3 Asst Coaches. A coach must be in the dugout at all times when players are in the dugout. Only the Head Coach may represent or speak for the team unless otherwise requested. Coaches cannot go outside the playing field without permission of the umpire. Coaches can be removed from the game for this violation.

12.04

Offensive coaches should be positioned as follows: One offensive coach is allowed at first base and third base coaching boxes. That would be (1) in the first base coaches box, (1) in the third base coaches box, (1) Coach Pitcher and (1) coach in the dugout area. Offensive coaches can not touch, and/or abide runners.

Defensive coaches should be positioned as follows: One (1) defensive coach 15 feet behind the 1st base coaches box along the right field line, (1) one defensive coach 15 feet behind the 3rd base coaches box along the left field line, Defensive coaches are not allowed on the field during play. Defensive coaches not on the playing field may coach from their dugout area only. **Under no circumstance should a courtesy coach that is retrieving balls behind the catcher be allowed to coach their players.**

12.05 Coach Pitcher:

- (a) The adult coach pitcher of the offensive team shall pitch to the batters, and he shall throw overhand standing position.
- (b) The coach pitcher shall pitch from within the designated pitching circle with the coach pitcher's feet remaining in the designated pitching circle until the pitch is released. NOTE: Coach pitcher does not have to pitch from the pitching rubber or half-way mark in the pitching circle. If one foot is within the circle and any part of the other foot is in contact with the chalk or paint outlining the circle when the pitch is released the coach will be considered in the circle. **PENALTY:** If the coach pitcher does not remain in the circle, a violation shall be called by the umpire with the defensive team having the option of taking the play or a no pitch.
- (c) If the Coach Pitcher is hit with a batted ball, the play is dead and will be declared a no pitch. The Coach Pitcher may verbally coach or position the batter but cannot coach the runners. The Coach Pitcher will be given one warning if he/she coaches the runners and on the second offense he/she will be removed from pitching. The removed pitcher may coach a base.
- (d) The coach pitcher shall pitch from the circle at forty feet (40') from the back tip of home plate. The coach pitcher must start

with one foot inside the circle when pitching to the batter.

PENALTY: If the 6U coach pitcher does not start with one foot in the circle, a violation shall be called by the umpire with the defensive team having the option of taking the play or a no pitch.

- (e) The coach pitcher shall exit the playing field behind the runner or away from any play on the field when the ball is hit into fair play to avoid interference. No play is dead until the umpire calls time out. If a runner has passed a base when the player pitcher gains control of the ball on the mound and does not stop he may advance to the next base at his/her own risk.
- (f) If the umpire determines intentional interference on the coach pitcher, the batter shall be declared out and all runners shall return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. The coach pitcher shall be warned and a second occurrence in the game shall result in the removal of the coach pitcher from the mound to the dugout for the remainder of the game.
- (g) Coaches cannot go outside the playing field without the permission of the umpire. Coaches will be removed from the game for violation.
- (h) The Coach Pitcher cannot leave the mound and return to the mound during the same inning with the exception of an illness or injury.

12.06 Player Pitcher Position

(a) The defensive team will place a player in the designated pitching circle at the pitcher position. The player pitcher shall, in the interest of safety have one foot inside the designated pitching circle, must not interfere with the coach pitcher, and not be any closer to the batter than even with the 46-foot line until the ball is hit. The Player Pitcher cannot leave the designated circle until the ball is hit. **PENALTY:** The offensive coach has the option of accepting a hit or taking a no pitch.

(b) The player pitcher is required to wear a face guard with or without a batting helmet or cap while playing this position. A softball mask is acceptable.

12.07 Equipment

(a) Catchers must wear full catcher protective equipment. The catcher may use a baseball fielder's glove or catcher's mitt. The catcher must be in the squatting position behind home plate in a direct line with the pitcher and home plate when the ball is

pitched.

- (b) Only DYB approved bats will be allowed in 7/8 Coach Pitch.
- (c) Batters must wear batting helmets. Faceguards are preferred by league but are optional. All players not inside the dugout must have on a helmet.

12.08 General Playing Rules:

(a) **Putting the Ball in Play:**

- (b) The batter will be allowed five (5) pitches or three (3) strikes. The batter will be called out after the fifth (5th) pitch unless the fifth pitch is a foul ball. A foul on the last pitch shall not count unless a foul fly is caught in the air; then the batter is declared out.
- (c) The infield fly rule is NOT applicable.

Free substitution— Defensive players shall be substituted every other inning. No player shall sit out more than one consecutive inning. Reasons for not substituting shall be in case of injury or sickness or ejection, there is no penalty if these occur. **PENALTY** Violation of this rule is the disqualification of the team manager in the next game. Exception because of injury or illness.

(d) Bunting is NOT allowed. **PENALTY:** If a player bunts a ball, it is a violation of this rule and the umpire shall immediately call time; no players may advance, and the batter will be charged with a pitch and a strike.

(e) Base stealing is NOT allowed. Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Leaving the base before the ball is hit will allow the defensive team the option to keep or reject any part of the play.

(f) Intentional walks will not be allowed

(g) Fifteen (15) run rule at four innings or after will be in effect **only if all batters have completed one-time at bat.**

(h) **Seven Run Rule**-- A team may bat until they score 7 runs or the defense records three outs. An inning is over when a team scores 7 runs or records 3 outs except in the 6th inning. In the 6th inning teams shall bat until 3 outs are recorded. Only in the 6th inning is there no 7 run rule. **It is an Open Inning.** The 7 run rule will revert back to the extra inning if so needed.

(i) Batting order--Consecutive batting order with an inning consisting of 3 outs or 7 runs except the 6th inning. The 6th inning teams shall bat until 3 outs are recorded. The 6th inning is an Open inning.

(j) **Defense**-- 4 infielders, 1 pitchers, 1 catcher should be positioned in the infield. **All other players shall be in the outfield grass. (outfielders must stay in the outfield grass until the ball has been hit)**

(k) **Defensive Participation Requirement** – Defensive players shall be substituted every other inning. No player shall sit out more than one

consecutive inning. Reasons for not substituting shall be in case of injury or sickness or ejection, there is no penalty if these occur.

PENALTY: Violation of this rule is the disqualification of the team manager in the next game. Game shall not be a forfeit but will resume at the point of the substitution violation. A substitution violation must be reported to the head umpire as soon as it is discovered and before the end of the inning in which the violation occurs. No protest shall be allowed after an inning is complete.

- (l) **Infielders** including the player pitchers may not be positioned any closer than an imaginary line between first and third base for their safety.
- (m) **Outfielders** - The outfielders may play anywhere in the outfield but no closer than twenty feet behind the normal base path. (In the grass) **Penalty:** The offensive coach has the option of accepting the hit or taking a no pitch. Note: This grass line pertains to the four outfielders only, not to the infielders. Once the batter has hit a ball the outfielder may move to the infield dirt to make a play on the ball.

12.09 Defensive/Offensive Time Outs

(a) **Defense** - A manager shall be entitled to request time, on defense, to talk to his players once during the same inning without penalty. On the second request for time in the same inning the manager will be placed in the dugout for the remainder of the game.

(b) **Offense** - A total of three (3) timeouts per inning shall be allowed on offense to talk to a batter. The coach requesting a fourth timeout to talk to a batter in the same inning shall result in that coach being removed from the field and placed in the dugout for the remainder of the game.

12.10 Base Running/Stopping Play:

If a runner has passed a base prior to the player pitcher gaining control of the ball in the designated pitching circle and does not stop, he/she may advance to the next base at his/her own risk.

With runners on base, a timeout will be called by the umpire after each play comes to a natural end.

A runner missing a base with no attempt to return to the base to tag up before the ball becomes dead may be appealed by the coach after calling a time out. **PENALTY:** The runner shall be called out on appeal.

Base Running - When a base runner is forced to stop on or return to a base under threat of making an out, the ball is dead. Base runners shall

not advance to another base until the ball is batted live by being batted fair or a foul ball being caught in the air (see rule 9).

EXCEPTION: If a member of a defensive team caused one base runner to stop or return to a base and then makes a play on another base runner (already in route to another base when the first base runner was stopped) the ball is live and all base runners may advance with a chance of making an out.

NOTE: There are no halfway marks in Coach Pitch. If the runner has left the base before time is called or the ball is returned to the mound, that runner may advance at his own risk.

12:11 "Courtesy Runner" may not be used in 7/8 yr old Coach Pitch.

12:12 Protest – No protest shall be appealed beyond the League Director/Official on Duty