

2009

General Rules for Pee Wee (9-10yr.) Junior (11-12yr.), and senior (13-14-15yr.)

Pee Wee League and Junior League will be governed by the present year's high school rule book. (Listed below are the modifications.)

Senior League will be governed by the present year's high school rule book. (Listed below are the modifications.)

Administrative Rules 1-24

1. No inning will start after 11:00pm while school is in session. (Friday and Saturday included.) An official game in Pee Wee & Junior is 3 ½ or 4 innings, senior it is 4 ½ or 5 innings. If it's not an official game at 11:00pm, then they will pick up where they left off at a later date.
2. 15 run rule after 3 innings in Pee Wee & Junior and 4 innings Senior. 10 run rule after 4 innings in Pee Wee & Junior and 5 innings in Senior.
3. The cut-off date for anyone to register in any of the divisions is May 1st of the baseball season. Kids that move into Bowling Green or are transferred to B.G. may register at anytime during that season. (**Registration: See page 8, rule 14.**)
4. In Pee Wee, Junior & Senior leagues, all teams will use a continuous batting order for each game.
 - A. No player can sit the bench defensively two consecutive innings unless injured/sick.
 - B. If a player gets injured, skip his spot in the batting order. If a player is ejected, the spot in the batting order will be an "out" each time the player was to bat.
 - C. If a player comes late to the game, he is placed at the bottom of the order.
5. GAME CANCELLATION POLICY: For Tee-Ball, Pee Wee, Junior or Senior Leagues. In order for any game to be cancelled or moved to another date, the head coaches of each team involved must fill-out the form called "Game Cancellation Policy Form." This form must be completed and given to the league commissioner at-least 7 days before the scheduled game. The forms are located in the press box and the commissioner will either approve or deny the request within 48 hours.
6. The Board meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Carter Park Red Building at 5:00 pm. Parents are always welcome. (Check our website for date/time.)
7. We ask that coaches and players do not hit baseballs into any of the field fences. This causes great damage. No baseballs into fences. Whiffle balls are allowed.
 - A. There will be NO THROWING or warming-up near the Batting Cage Area.
8. There will be no infield warm-up before the games in Pee Wee, Junior or Senior League during the regular season.

9. Coaches need to turn in a line-up before the games in Pee Wee, Junior or Senior League during the regular season.
10. It is a requirement for any coaches that are planning on coaching a travel team in any age division, to meet with the board during March and April to discuss liability issues, practice and game times, and other responsibilities.
11. Any coach being ejected from a game will have a mandatory 1 game suspension. The 1 game will be decided by the Comm. If ejected for a second time, this coach will appear before the board and may be dismissed as a coach or any other capacity this person may hold in the league. Any player being ejected from a game may also be suspended. All decisions by the board are final.
12. There are no play-offs in the Tee Ball League. All the teams in the Pee Wee, Junior and Senior Leagues will make the city tournament at the end of July. The coaches have in their packets, methods of breaking any ties that may occur in the standings. Any tournament rules, dates, times, and brackets are also listed in the coach's packet.
13. One coach from each team in all leagues must attend a general first aid clinic that shall be held each year during the month of April.
14. The league will hold 50/50 raffles on certain nights during the season. Coaches will assist running the raffles and cooking on the grill nightly.
15. Tee Ball & Rookie League games will be played Monday thru Friday starting at 5:45 pm and 7:15 pm. Pee Wee games will be played Monday thru Friday starting at 5:45pm and 7:30pm on diamond 1 during the regular season. (2 hour time limit during the entire regular season.)
**Note: If in the PW & JR divisions the early games run over or are forced to play extra innings, the second games must start at 8:30pm or it is cancelled and will be made up at a later date. This rule applies Monday thru Sunday until school is out for the summer!
Junior games will be played Monday thru Friday starting at 5:45pm and 7:45pm on diamond 2 during the regular season. (2 hour time limit until school is out. Fri., Sat., & Sun. included.)

Senior games will be played Monday thru Friday starting at 5:45, 7:00 or 7:30pm on diamond 3. (Rule #1 always will apply until school is out.)
There will be a 2 Hour and 15 min. time limit Monday thru Thursday in Senior League until school is out on the 5:45 pm game. (Early Game.) No new inning will start after the 2 hrs. & 15 minute time limit.

16. There are usually 2 tournament teams from each division in the B. G. tournament. Bowling Green teams will pay \$150 entry fee for the BG tourney, unless they find a sponsor to pay the entire fee. All other out of town tournament fees must be paid by that particular team or sponsor. A B.G. tourney teams may pick up to 3 non-league players for their roster. Any more than 3 players causes them to pay the B.G. tourney fee. A \$20 fee will be charged for each non-league player. (Additional to entry fee.)

17. Any games that are stopped due to rain, before they are official, will be picked up at a later date. (If rain comes after they are official, then the game is over, and will not be picked up.) (If not official, then we pick up right where we left off when the rain washed the game out.) Note Exception: Game is official, score is tied when suspension of play or rain comes, and we pick up right where we left off as if play never stopped! Also, if game is tied & official when play resumes and visitors score in the top of the inning and the rains cancel play again, the game would be over and considered official even though the "Home Team" didn't bat.

18. Pee Wee mound is 46ft. Junior mound is 50ft. Senior mound is 54ft.
PW bases 60 ft. JR. bases 70 ft. SR. bases 80 ft.

19. All coaches will be evaluated by the Board at the end of each season.

20. Teams will be selected at the end of March. The coach of each team will contact the players by April 1st to begin practices. The regular season will begin the 2nd week of May and run thru the end of July. Coaches will pass schedules out some time in April.

21. Rainouts will be called at 5pm at the park. Parents please don't call the park or any of the Officers. The decision will be made at 5pm, so either call your coach or drive out to the park. If the **BLACK FLAG** is flying on the flag pole, games are cancelled that night! (Go to our website to check on rainouts.) www.bgbaseball.com

22. Rainouts in all leagues will be made up as follows: When two teams are rained out, the game will automatically be made up no later than the second Saturday from the rained out date. (Unless it falls on a holiday weekend!) If the diamond is available before that date and the two teams "agree" to play on one of the rainout dates, the President/Comm. will be glad to schedule it. (Vacations, players missing, camps, etc, will be no excuse for games not to be made up and may be forfeited.) All decisions by the board are final!

A. If two teams get rained out on Monday or Tuesday, the game will automatically be re-scheduled for the upcoming Saturday. The only exception is if one or both of the teams is already playing on that Saturday by the President/Comm.

B. If two teams get rained out on Wed., Thurs., Fri., we will skip the upcoming Saturday and automatically re-schedule the game for the next Saturday. The only exception is if one or both of the teams are already playing on that Saturday or it's a holiday weekend. If either is the case, the games will be re-scheduled on the first available Saturday by the President/Comm.

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23. Returning to SAME TEAM POLICY! Parents or players not happy with a team they were selected by are supposed to return to this team for their second season. (Must complete the following steps in order to remove their son or daughter from a particular team.)

A. Talk to the coach and try and work the problem out.

B. Talk to the commissioner of the league and inform them him of the problem and he will try to remedy the situation for you.

C. Contact the remaining Board Members and get them involved.

D. **Write letter to the Board** informing them of the problem and dissatisfaction and the board with either approve or deny the player moving off that team for the following season. (All the above steps must be taken before any player is removed from a team.) This means that a parent must have completed the first three steps and the letter written to the board **by October 1st of the season the problem occurred. Parents my not apply for their son or daughter to be removed on the day of Registration** for the upcoming season. The board understands that there are times when a player should be removed from a team, but the board also puts in a lot of time in trying to balance all teams equally. Moving players on and off teams is not the situation the board constantly wants to be occupying their time with. Each case will be approved or denied, but the 4 steps listed above must be met before any action is “eligible” to be brought before the board. Any players that are approved for removal off a team will be placed in the faced down selection pool during the following years selection process.

24. In order to add or delete a team in Pee Wee, Junior, or Senior League the following table of teams to players will be used. If we have to drop a team, the board will look to all teams in that particular league to see if sponsors are giving the proper support in order to be a full sponsor. If all teams want to continue to sponsor, then the last team to get in the league of question will be removed and placed in a sponsor on hold position. Board will have final say in regards to this rule. The number of teams for each league will be decided by March 10th of each year.

5 Teams	49-60 players	11 Teams	121-132 players
6	61-72	12	133-144
7	73-84	13	145-156
8	85-96	14	157-168
9	97-108	15	169-180
10	109-120		

25. Parents from each team are expected to assist us in the press box by keeping the scoreboards during the season. Each team will have assigned nights and will be responsible for both the early and late games on all 4 diamonds or as scheduled.

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26. In order to Coach in any one of the leagues, coaches must submit to a back ground check. A form will be provided by the league, with follow up from the BG Police Dept.

EQUIPMENT RULES 1-4

1. All catchers in all leagues must wear a cup at all times.
2. Bat sizes in Pee Wee and Junior will be 2 ¼ width and 32 length. Senior league is unlimited. (If a player can swing it, bring it.)
3. Players warming up pitchers must always wear a mask and a cup.
4. Facemasks on batting helmets are recommended but not required by the board.

PLAYING RULES 1-13

1. Trips allowed to the mound: Pee Wee – 2 per pitcher. (On the 3rd, remove him.)
Junior – 3 per pitcher. (On the 3rd, remove him.)
Senior – 3 per pitcher. (On the 3rd, remove him.)
2. Teams in Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior leagues may start, play, and must finish with 8 players. Anything less than the required 8 players will cause a forfeit. In the Pee Wee division if a team has 10 players in uniform for the game, all 10 players must be inserted in the line-up for that game. In the Junior and Senior Leagues, if 9 players are in uniform, all 9 must be in the line-up.

B. In the Pee Wee division, when 10 players are in the line-up and in the field, a minimum of 4 defensive players must be in the outfield grass at the time the pitcher is on the rubber and pitches the ball to the batter.

3. There is no infield fly in Pee Wee League.
4. In the Pee Wee League, the use of a batting tee will not be allowed.
 - A. A “Hit Batter” always takes the base to first.
 - B. Players can steal every base, including home, once the ball has crossed the plate. This includes wild pitches, passed balls, catcher throwing the ball back to the pitcher etc.....
 - C. After a “walk” a player cannot take off for second until 1 pitch has been thrown.
 - D. **Run Limit rule:** In the Pee Wee league a team may only score a maximum of 6 runs in the first or second innings. (6 per inning) For the rest of the game, the losing team may score run differential plus 6 in innings 3 on. (per inning)
Example: Home team is down 11 runs in the 4th, they may score 11 + 6 or (17).
(For the city tournament, the run limit rule is waived and not in effect.)

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5. If a player in the Pee Wee or Junior League leaves early, before the ball reaches the plate, (umpire discretion) he will be sent back and warned. (Noted in the official score book). If the same player does it again, in the same game, he will be called out! Each player gets one warning per game before being called out.
6. **Pitching rules** for each age division: **Pee Wee** is 2 innings per game maximum. **Note:** A player may come back and throw 1 additional inning, if game goes to extra innings. **Junior** is 3 innings per game maximum. **Senior** is 4 innings per game maximum.

(Maximum of 3 total innings for all 15 yr olds combined for 1 game.)

1 pitch constitutes one full inning pitched. In Senior Lg. a player may not re-enter as a pitcher once they have been removed from that position. In pee wee & junior, innings can be broken up, but 1 pitch is a full inning.

6A. In the Pee Wee & Junior League, no BG player in the house or travel league will pitch 3 consecutive days. This would include house or travel or tournament games or combination thereof. Any player in violation of this rule, may be suspended from further play with any team they are associated with. Coaches may also be suspended. Commissioner's decision will be final, upon study and proper appeals.
(For the city tournament, the 3 consecutive day rule is waived or not in effect.)

7. RE-ENTRY OF PLAYERS: 1. Only starters may re-enter a game. **Exception:** If a player who is in the game and is injured and cannot continue to play, a non-starter may re-enter the game. If there are NO starters available to re-enter or NO substitutes (that have not played) to go into the game.

A. A starter may re-enter the game at any time, but only one time per game, provided that he re-enter the game in a spot in the batting order that would cause him to come to bat no sooner than if he stayed in the game. Example: If the 2 hitter is pulled out of the game, he can only come back in a place in the batting order at the 2 spot or anywhere lower after that position comes up again. (8 batters appear at the plate before he comes up again.)

B. A starter may re-enter the game only one time per game. A starter may re-enter the game on DEFENSE at any time provided that he re-enter the game in a spot in the batting order that would cause him to come to bat no sooner in the game than if he had stayed in the game. A starter may re-enter the game on offense (pinch hit) only after 8 batters on his team have completed their turns at bat since the said starter was removed from the game.

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C. If a player (starter or non-Starter) is forced to re-enter the game for an injured player and he is forced to take a spot in the batting order which is in violation of "Rule A" (above), the first time he comes to bat he will be declared out and the game would continue.

D. If a team only has 9 players playing, and an injury occurs forcing one of the players out of the game and there are no players to replace him, his spot in the batting order will be skipped and will not count as an out.

E. If a team is forced to finish with 7 players they will automatically forfeit. Non-starters may not re-enter the game unless an injury or ejection occurs.

8. To make a proper appeal play in Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior, coaches are required to follow the rule as stated in the high school rule book.
9. In All Leagues, it is MANDATORY for all players to wear mouth guards in all practices and games. 1 warning per team per game, the second time a player is found by the umpire not wearing a mouth guard, he will be called out at his next appearance at the plate. For further infractions of players not wearing their mouth guards, the penalty will continue until the game is complete.
10. Coaches and parents are not to try and intimidate any umpire at any time. If doing so, the coach or parent can be suspended from the park.
11. All leagues will have a "slide rule" or "no contact rule" which is explained clearly on the bulletin board in the press box. Coaches please read it.
12. **PLAYING RULE: (See rule #4 page 1)**
 - *Penalty's for playing rule violation.
 - A. The player in question plays the entire next ball game.
 - B. The head coach is suspended the next game and is not to be at the park.
 - *SECOND OFFENSE:
 - A. The coach will appear before the board for further suspensions or expulsions.
 - *This will not affect games that are stopped due to run limits or time limits.
13. Picking up a player rule: Any team, in any division may pick up a player; no more than two provided that:
 - A. The picked up player(s) are from a division below
 - B. The player(s) bat last in order.
 - C. Play the outfield.
 - D. Their team has eight or fewer players (9 in Pee Wee)

- E. If a team has a team member show up after the start of the game he must immediately be put into the game for the picked up player.
- F. The player(s) that is picked up, does not have a scheduled game with his regular team the same night & time.

14. In all divisions, the **HOME** team is the official score book.

15. **Registration:** Players can register the last two week-ends in February and 1st week-end in March each season. Parents or guardians must sign-up the player, pay the registration fee, sign the legal form and obtain the baseball packet of rules and regulations as prepared by the board for the current season.

A. Any player registering **AFTER February 21st**, will be assessed a \$25 additional fee.

B. All fundraising duties, meetings and league requirements, etc. must still be met by each family, no matter how late a player registers.

16. **Play up Rule:** Players may be approved to play up a division if they meet the following criteria and are approved by the Board.

A. A letter from the parent(s) to the Board requesting permission to play up. The letter is DUE by March 7th.

B. Must meet the following to apply.

For play up in Pee Wee, must be 9 or in the 4th grade.

For play up in Junior, must be 11 or in the 6th grade.

For play up in Senior, must be 13 or in the 8th grade.

Other 8 year olds wishing to play pee wee can request to be put in the pee wee draft. They will be offered in the first or 2nd round of face-up 9 yr.old picks, or taken as the team "auto", if not taken either way, they **MUST** return to the Rookie league. (See Draft rules for further information.)

**The Board will approve or deny the request before the Team/player selection day.

****WE THANK ALL COACHES, PARENTS, AND OFFICERS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERED TIME****

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