



Peccole Little League

Minors - A Division Rules

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All team volunteers are required to wear their Peccole Badge for all games.
This includes managers, asst coaches, scorekeeper, & team mom.

1. The Home Team's score book is the official record. Both teams are strongly encouraged to check with each other every half inning and confirm your pitch count during the 5th & 6th innings when the kids are pitching.
2. The winning team is responsible for entering the score and pitch count on the Peccole Little League website within 12 hours of the game being final. In the event of a tie, the Home team is responsible for entering the score and pitch counts.
3. Pitch count stats should include jersey number, player's name, league age, and pitch count. For example, #42 Mariano Rivera (LA 8) 22 pitches
4. Home team occupies 3rd base dugout.
5. Each team must provide the umpire with 1 game ball.
6. All bats are subject to the Little League rules.
7. All regular season and playoff games in this division are subject to a time limit, with the exception of the championship game. That game will be 6 innings. Games will be 6 innings or no new inning after 1 hr and 30 min. Home book confirms start time with umpire at the beginning of the game.
8. The ten run rule is **NOT** in effect for this Division due to there being a time limit, with the exception of the championship game.
9. Both teams must place every player present in the batting order. Only exception that would allow for a player to sit out would be that of an injury or illness.
10. The first four innings will be coach pitch. Each batter will receive 5 pitches or 3 strikes from the Coach whichever happens first. If the 5th pitch is fouled off, the batter will be given another pitch.
11. The pitching coach **MUST** throw from the pitcher's plate (rubber).
12. A player will be called out on a third strike with a swing and a miss or if he/she does not swing at the 5th pitch of the at bat.
13. Innings 5 and 6 will be kid pitch. League age 9 and league age 6 are not eligible to pitch in this division.
14. Players must pitch from the Pitcher's plate on the mound (46 feet).
15. There are **NO** walks. When a player is pitching and count goes to 4 balls, the hitting team coach will enter and is allowed to pitch to his batter until the at bat is complete. If there are no strikes on the batter the coach will get 3 pitches. With 1 strike on the batter 2 pitches will be given. If the batter has 2 strikes the coach gets two pitches unless the player swings and misses at the first pitch.
 - a. A batter hit by a ball that is pitched by a kid pitcher does advance to first base. No base is awarded if hit by coach pitch.
16. **Pitching Rules:** League Age 7 & 8 year olds are eligible



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- a. 7 & 8 year olds are allowed 50 pitches
 - b. Days of rest:
 - If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no calendar days of rest is required.
17. League age 6 will not bat against kid pitch. When a LA 6 child comes to bat, the hitting team coach will take the mound and continue with normal coach pitch rules. The pitcher in the field will assume the normal defensive position under coach pitch rules. LA 6 will also not play catcher during kid pitch innings. The catcher must be LA 7 or above.
- a. To assist with keeping track of this, please highlight your LA 6 players on your lineup card that you give to the opposing team or make them a different color than your LA 8 and 7.
18. Once a pitcher establishes a pitch count and is removed from the mound he is not eligible to return as a pitcher for the remainder of the game.
19. A Player may only pitch a **total of three outs** during a single game (i.e. a player enters the fifth inning with two outs; he/she can pitch until the second out of the sixth inning is recorded).
20. If a player throws 41 or more pitches he/she is ineligible to play catcher.
21. If a player catches four innings he/she may NOT enter as a pitcher.
22. Infielders will not be penalized for attempting to make a play at first base. Base runners and the batter may advance 1 base only on a ball that is hit and stopped by an infielder in which a throw is made to first in the attempt to get an out. However, if a fielder throws to 2nd, 3rd or Home to get an out and an overthrow occurs then the overthrow rule takes effect and the base runners would be allowed to advance one base at their own peril.
23. If a batted ball gets past the last infielder able to make a play; all base runners are able to advance at their own peril until the ball is thrown back to an infielder and the ball is possessed by an infielder. If a base runner is at least one step past a base he/she may attempt to advance to the next base at his/her peril. This will be a judgment call for the umpire to make!
24. Stealing of bases is not allowed. A base runner may advance no more than one base per play on an overthrown ball, at the runner's peril. Runners are not allowed to advance on an overthrow at first base.
- a. Overthrows can only occur at 2nd, 3rd and Home Plate.
 - b. A throw to the pitcher is not an overthrow because it was not thrown to a base.
 - c. A runner can score on an overthrow at 2nd, 3rd or Home
 - d. For an overthrow to be awarded, a play on a runner needs to be attempted at 2nd, 3rd or Home Plate. This is up to the umpire's discretion.
 - e. An overthrow does not guarantee the runner the next base. The runner is simply advancing at his/her peril.



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- A. CLARIFICATION: For purpose of this rule, a ball will not be considered to have been “overthrown” simply because it was dropped or misplayed by the defensive player. In order for a ball to be considered “overthrown”, it needs to have passed the intended defensive player by five (5) feet or more (whether on a straight overthrow or after having been dropped or misplayed by the defensive player).
25. Defensively you will play 10 players. There will be four outfielders in this Division to allow for the 10th player on defense. You are **not allowed** to sit any player **consecutive innings**.
- a. Every player present at the game for that day is required to sit at least one inning. In the event the game does not go 6 innings and you have 12 players, the 2 that do not sit that game will sit the first inning of the following game. In the event you do not have a full team show up, use your best judgement for a fair lineup.
26. **Fielding:** During Coach Pitch the player that is playing the position of Pitcher must play even with the pitchers plate (46 feet from home plate) on either side with at least one foot in the dirt area around the pitcher’s mound.
27. Outfielders must play on the outfield grass and can not be in the infield before a ball is hit into play.
28. Players may only play 2 consecutive innings at 1 position. However, the player may return to that position once he has moved to a different position for 1 or more innings.
29. During innings 1 through 5 the inning is considered over once the batting team gets 3 outs or 5 runs are scored.
30. In the 6th inning a team may bat through their entire line-up one time or up to the point that 3 outs occur. There is no 5 run rule in the 6th inning.
31. Tie breakers for seeding for end-of-season tournament:
- a. Head to Head
 - b. Run differential (scored versus allowed) between the tied teams
 - c. Coin toss
32. If a player or coach is ejected from a game for any reason, that coach or player will be suspended for at least the following game. Note that the umpire will submit a report regarding the ejection and it will be turned over to the Peccole Little League Board for review. Depending on the circumstances, the Board may impose a greater penalty.
33. The umpire may eject a coach for smoking, chewing tobacco or swearing on the field or in the park while coaching a game.
34. No coaches can warm up kids including pre game. A player from the bench may warm up the pitcher as long as they are wearing a mask with a throat guard.
35. No coach in the outfield during defense. Coaches may not go past first or third base down the foul line.
36. When you have a disagreement with a call, only the manager is allowed to discuss the call with the umpire.
37. If there is an issue with another coach/team in which you are not able to resolve it in a calm manner, please do not escalate it while at the park. At your earliest convenience please notify the Minor A Division Commissioner or email the league at peccolebaseball@hotmail.com.