



Petal Sports Association

Baseball Local League Rules (PSA will follow the Babe Ruth Rule book along with the additions below)

1. Game start time will be announced by the umpire. Game will be played until time has expired (if 1 minute is left and the bottom of an inning has ended a new inning will start) T-ball will always be drop dead time. If game time expires when home team is batting, and home team is winning the game is over. Start time will be the 1st warm-up pitch or the scheduled game time if a team is not ready.
2. During the Spring Season, if game is tied after time has expired, then it will remain in a tie.
3. Game times are age specific. See Below for umpires used and max runs per inning (**once a team scores the max runs per inning, they will switch out to defense no matter how many outs they have**).

Age Group	Game Time	Innings	Umpires		Max Runs per Inning	
			Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
4-5	50min	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
6	1hr	6	1	1	6	6
7	1hr 10min	6	1	1	6	6
8	1hr 10min	6	1	1	6	6
9-10	1hr 15min	6	2	2	unlimited	6
11-12	1hr 20min	6	2	2	unlimited	6
13-18	1hr 30min	7	2	2	unlimited	7

4. Run Rule: if a team is leading by 15 runs or more after 3 complete innings, the game is over.
5. Teams will not forfeit if they do not have enough players during Spring and Fall regular season. The opposing team will help the team that is short players by filling defensive outfield positions by rotating players that are not on base or at bat. Teams will not take an out if they do not have enough players while at bat.
6. **Pitch Count:** PSA will follow Pitch Count in the Spring and Max Innings in the Fall for baseball. Head Coaches must record each pitchers pitch count in their scorebooks and have the opposing coach sign their scorebook at the end of each game. Any coach in violation of this will be reported to the PSA Board and may be suspended or removed.



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AGE	DAILY MAX	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)					Fall
		O-DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	Max Innings
9&10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	2
11&12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	2
13-15	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	3
16-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	3

Note: 1 Day of Rest is one Full Day of rest between days pitched.

Example: 14 year old throws 40 pitches on Tuesday he cannot pitch again until Thursday.

7. Everyone will bat in a continuous order. If a player is hurt or sick and does not bat, that player will be removed from the game. The team will not take an out when that player should have come to bat. If a player is ejected from the game, the team will take an out every time that player would have come to bat.
8. **6-12 Yr Olds- No player may sit the bench twice until all other players on the team have sat the bench at least once for that game. 10 players will be allowed to be on the field (4th outfielder only) for ages 6-10 year olds. (Updated 2019 Spring Season: 6-12 will have 4th outfielder if coaches agree)**
9. **If a batter slings the bat while batting, the umpire will give that team a warning. If another player from that team slings a bat during the same game, that player will be called out and no runners may advance.**
10. **Slash bunting will not be allowed in 4-12 Yr. olds per Babe Ruth Rulebook. If a batter shows bunt and then swings, then he/she will be called out and no runners may advance. If the batter shows bunt and then decides he/she wants to swing, then he/she must call time step out of the box and reestablish themselves in the batter's box.**
11. If runner is wearing a facemask, they will not be allowed to slide headfirst unless, the player is sliding back into the bag due to a pickoff from the pitcher or catcher. If they do so, then they will be called out.
12. Courtesy runner will be allowed for your current catcher with two outs. Courtesy runner must be your last batted out.
13. Stealing is only allowed in the 9-18 year olds.
14. 60 Ft Special Base Running Rules: We will follow page 13 of the BR Rule Book for base runners on, when they leave early on a steal or when to return to the bag after a play. However, if a base runner leaves the bag early and the ball is hit this will be our new rule. *Delayed Dead Ball, defensive coach will have their choice of the results of the play or a reset and redo. If defensive coach decides to reset and redo the batter will go back to the plate with the same count and the Pitch will not count for pitch count purposes.*
15. Age Specific Rules



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a. 4-5 year olds:

- Each player will have 3 pitches from a coach. If the player does not hit the ball, then the player will go to a tee until they hit. Each team will bat entire order and then switch out no matter how many outs. All players will play in the field

b. 6 year olds: Coach Pitch

- Each player will have 3 pitches from the Coach. Coach must stand behind the 30ft Safety Arc when pitching. If there is no hit, player will have 3 attempts on tee. If fouled off on the 3rd attempt, the batter continues. The bat must hit part of the ball, not just the tee, to be a hit or a foul ball. There will be a 15-foot fair ball arc on the field. If batter does not hit the ball past this arc while batting from the Tee, it will be considered a foul ball.
- **No Bunting.** If the umpire declares it is as a bunt, it will be ruled as a “Dead Ball”. No Pitch, and no runners will advance.
- If an untouched batted ball hits the coach pitcher, the ball is ruled “Dead”, the batter is awarded 1st base and runners will advance one base if forced. If a batted or thrown ball hits the coach pitcher and the umpire determines that it was intimal, then the ball is “Dead”, the batter is out, and no runners may advance.
- Time will be called when the ball is controlled by a defensive player inside the pitching circle or Time will be called by the UMPIRE when no runner is advancing. Definition of advancing is the runner continues forward progress.
- Pitcher player will wear a facemask and may remove mask once ball has passed pitcher’s mound. The pitcher player shall not leave the pitching circle (the pitcher’s mound) until the ball is hit. Penalty: The play continues. After the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or no-pitch.
- All defensive players must stay behind the 30ft Safety Arc until the ball reaches home plate
- Players must play in correct positions.
- Coach Pitcher will squat or move to get out of the way of the play. The team on defense will provide a Coach behind home plate to help with passed balls and move the bat after the hit.
- The Coach behind the plate must stay quiet, there is no coaching allowed from this position.
- If game is tied, and time has expired the game is over and no extra inning is allowed. If home team is batting and winning when game time expires, then game is over.

c. 7-8 year olds: Coach Pitch

- 6 Pitches or a strikeout for each batter. If the player foul’s the last pitch, then he/she will continue to bat.



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- Pitching Distance: Coach must stand behind the 40ft Safety Arc when pitching.
- **No Bunting.** If the umpire declares it is as a bunt, it will be ruled as a “Dead Ball”. No Pitch, and no runners will advance.
- **Umpire will no longer declare “No Pitch” if ball is not in strike zone.**
- If an untouched batted ball hits the coach pitcher, the ball is ruled “Dead”, the batter is awarded 1st base and runners will advance one base if forced. If a batted or thrown ball hits the coach pitcher and the umpire determines that it was intimal, then the ball is “Dead”, the batter is out, and no runners may advance.
- Pitcher player will wear a facemask and may remove mask once ball has passed pitcher’s mound. The pitcher player shall not leave the pitching circle (the pitcher’s mound) until the ball is hit. Penalty: The play continues. After the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or no-pitch.
- All defensive players must stay behind the 40ft Safety Arc until the ball reaches home plate
- Players must play in correct positions.
- Time will be called by the UMPIRE when no runner is advancing. Definition of advancing is the runner continues forward progress.
- Coach Pitcher will squat or move to get out of the way of the play. The team on defense will provide a Coach behind home plate to help with passed balls and move the bat after the hit. The coach behind the plate must stay quiet, there is no coaching allowed by this coach in this position.

16. Home Team Will

- a. Occupy the 1st base dugout
- b. Provide game balls
- c. Will have batting cages 30 minutes before game time (No cages for T-ball)
- d. Provide a bookkeeper for the official books

17. Visiting Team Will

- a. Occupy the 3rd base dugout
- b. Setup Tee if needed (will also lock these items up after last game).
- c. Will have batting cages 1 hour before game time (No cages for T-ball)
- d. Provide a score keeper to run the scoreboard.

18. Helmets will be worn for all batting practices and L-Screen must be used when pitching in cage.

19. Teams will not be able to take infield before their game.

20. You have a rule book, read it, and ask questions. Make sure you understand them as well as any other PSA local league rule.



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21. Practices before the season starts will be scheduled by PSA. We will try and schedule you two practice per week, which you are allowed to swap with other coaches in your age group through your commissioner. After Games have begun you must schedule any practices through the Athletics Office.
22. End of Season tournaments will be Pool Play into a single elimination tournament. Other rules will be put out before this tournament that will change or add to these rules.
23. Please use this time to teach your players during regular season. You will have time in the end of season tournament to play more competitively. PSA highly recommends that you rotate your players to different positions, rearrange your batting order, so each player gets a fair amount of plate appearances. Develop pitchers, it will help you when you get to the end of season tournament and helps the program grow.
24. Bat Rules please see updated bat rules on our documents page- USA Bats
25. Metal Cleats are only allowed in our 13-18 year olds.

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