

2026 PeeWee League Boys and Girls Rules

1- Games are 6 innings or the game time limit is 1½ hours, whichever comes first. This means that no new innings may be started after 90 minutes have elapsed from the time the game started. There is a 12-run rule in effect after four innings of play (or 3½ if home team is winning). Time Limit IS in effect for tournament.

Example: if the game started at 6:25, no innings may start after 7:55

2- Each half inning will consist of ten batters or three outs, whichever comes first. If a team has less than ten batters, the team can bat one time through their lineup and the inning is over at that point or after three outs. Ten players are to be on the field with four outfielders playing normal outfield positions (they cannot play as an extra infielder).

3- All players in attendance must be in your batting line-up. A maximum of 10 players can play defensively. 4 outfielders, 4 basic infielders, pitcher's assistant, and catcher. For softball only, the pitcher's assistant is required to wear a facemask.

4- All players must play defensively in 2 innings per game. All players must be eight years old or younger as of April 30, 2026(boys) or August, 31, 2025 (girls). Also, no players are to wear jewelry-this includes recently pierced ears.

5- The center of the 16' diameter pitchers circle will be 35' from home plate. You may pitch from anywhere inside the pitchers circle (both feet MUST be in the circle at the release of the pitch). The pitcher's helper must have both feet inside the circle at the time of the pitch. If both feet out, than no pitch = dead ball. Bases will be set at 60 feet. Hash marks must be placed 20' from the next base.

6- The ball becomes dead once the pitcher's helper gains control of the ball inside the pitchers circle. If at that time the base runner is at the hash mark, he/she will advance to the next base. If not yet to the hash mark, he/she will return. NOTE: If the ball becomes dead, and the player in control of the ball in the pitchers circle decides to make an attempt at a base runner not yet on base, play is stopped and the ball is still dead. All runners advance or return without risk.

7- Any ball hit into the circle and fielded by the pitcher's helper while still in the circle, and does not make a play, results in one base advancement by all base runners.

8- Batters will receive no more than 6 pitches. If a foul is hit on the sixth pitch, batter will continue to bat until a hit or the next pitch that is not a foul ball.

9- When the ball is put into play, the adult pitcher MUST leave the field of play in a direction that least interferes with the play. If the adult pitcher causes interference on the play, the batter and/or any runners may be called out at the discretion of the umpire.

10- If a batter throws their bat, a team warning will be issued on the first offense. Any offenses thereafter result in automatic, dead-ball outs.

11- If the adult pitcher is contacted by a hit ball from the batter, it is a dead ball. The batter is not charged with a pitch and resumes the at bat.

12- There will be a dead ball arc that extends five feet from the point of home plate along each foul line. Any batted ball that comes to a stop, untouched by a fielder, will be ruled dead and all base runners must return to their original bases. If it is the sixth pitch, the batter will get an additional pitch.

13- The hosting association is responsible for one new and one, good used game ball.

14- If there are two strikes and batter foul tips a ball into the glove of the catcher, and catcher retains control of the ball, the batter is out. Catchers are to wear the normal catcher's equipment.

15- There may be 1 coach in the outfield to position and coach the players during the regular season only. However, play should not be delayed for positioning of players. If the defensive coach causes interference on the play, the batter is awarded 3 bases.

16- Offensive Team is allowed only 2 base coaches and an adult pitcher outside of the dugout during live ball play.

17- Defensive Team is allowed only one coach outside of the dugout during live ball play.

Exception: a defensive coach is allowed in the outfield during regular season only.

18- Any and all rules not listed will be administered by the 2026 Ohio High School Athletic baseball rule book.

19- Bringing players from a lower league is allowed. Replacement players however, cannot start or play in place of regular players that are present. Replacement players can only play outfield and must be last batter. Playing for the upper league cannot interfere with players' regular scheduled games.

Replacement player playing in the upper league game must be approved by their coach as well. Once a player has been called up, he or she can only play for that team for the season. This includes tournaments.

20- We are here for the kids. Sportsmanship at this level is of the utmost importance. Please act in a professional manner on and off the field. Any unruly fans or coaches may be asked to leave the park with or without warning. Any players/coaches ejected will not be allowed to participate for the team's next two games.

21- Please make sure all bats are little league approved. Illegal bats will result in an automatic dead ball out at time of at bat. Bats must have the USA Baseball Stamp starting in 2019 for Boys only. Girls bats do not need the stamp.

22- All overthrows are unlimited bases. (No longer one base per overthrow.)

23-Umpires must be at least 14 years of age.

Note: Will be a double elimination tournament. Seeding will be determined on coaches' collective decision.