

Hawthorne Baseball Softball Association

2020

Pee Wee Softball

Rules in this section apply to the pee wee division (1st and 2nd grades)

General Rules

- A developmental approach will be taken early in the season and as the season progresses, games will be played as real softball
- 4 infielders, 4 outfielders, a pitcher and a catcher. First to drop will be the pitcher position if you don't have enough players
- All players must rotate positions every inning; an opportunity must be provided for all player to try/learn different positions throughout each game
- Coaches will pitch to their own team
- 1 coach as a pitcher and 1 other coach in the field as needed
- Coaches will serve as umpires
- Teachable moments during games are encouraged; coaches from both teams are expected to explain game related situations to all players when possible

Rosters

- Each roster has a minimum of 10 players when registration numbers allow
- Pee Wee Division will not hold a draft; players will be divided amongst teams by HBSA Board by grade
- A team will be permitted to play with eight (8) players. If/when a ninth player shows up, they must be placed into the ninth spot in the batting order.
- All players on the roster must play a minimum of two (3) full innings in all regular season six (6) inning games

Length of Play

- Games will be 6 innings and there is no overall run rule for this division.
- Innings will be limited to 3 outs, or one time through the lineup, whichever comes first.
- There will be a time limit of: No inning to start after 1 hour 30 minutes, and a drop dead time at which the game ends of 1 hour and 30 minutes

Batting

- All players in attendance must bat; batters must bat in the same order throughout the game
- Batters will get 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes, whichever comes first
- No walks

Base Running

- No leading or stealing
- No sliding
- On a ball hit to the outfield, players are allowed to advance past first base

Equipment/Safety

- All games will be played on field with 60 foot bases
- Only 11 inch softballs will be used in this division
- All players must wear uniform and hat provided and baseball plants in the color associated with the team which they are on.
- All players are required to wear a batting helmet while batting and on the bases. Helmets with face guards are required
- All players are required to wear a protective facemask while playing in the field
- Any player who is catching must wear a catcher's helmet, chest protector and shin guards in order to catch in a game
- All players are required to wear cleats