

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. The first 3 scheduled games of the season will be played as a scrimmage. All remaining scheduled games will be played following all rules of play.
- 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 players 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; all other coaches will remain in the dugout. During the last 3 games of the season, at the discretion of the Team Manager, players may be provided the opportunity to pitch during the game. Players may only pitch to their own team, not the opposing team.
- 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

- Pee Wee Division will not hold a draft; players will be divided amongst teams by HBSA Board by grade
- All players on the roster must play a minimum of three (3) full innings in all regular season six (6) inning games

Length of Play

- Games will be 6 innings and there will be a 5-run limit per inning.
- Innings will be limited to 3 outs, or one time through the lineup, whichever comes first.
- Games are limited to a length of 2 hours with no new inning starting after 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Batting

- All players in attendance must bat; batters must bat in the same order throughout the game
- All players are required to use USA stamped/approved bats only
- Batters will get 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes, whichever comes first. During the first 3 scheduled scrimmage games, coaches can use a tee instead of pitching as needed.
- No bunting is permitted
- No walks

Base Running

- No leading, no stealing, no sliding
- On a ball hit to the outfield, players are allowed to advance past first base
- Players are not allowed to advance on an overthrow to any 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 provided and softball pants 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 facemasks 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 (no metal cleats).