

## **Pee Wee Softball**

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

### **General Rules**

- A developmental approach will be taken.
- 4 infielders, 4 outfielders, a pitcher and a catcher.
- All players must rotate positions every inning; an opportunity must be provided for all players to try/learn different positions throughout each game
- Players and coaches will pitch to the opposing team.
- Coaches will serve as umpires if an umpire is unavailable. Coaches will umpire from the fielding team from the pitchers mound.
- 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 5 inning games

### **Length of Play**

- Games will be 5 innings and there will be a 3-run limit per inning.
- Innings will be limited to 3 outs
- 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. The first infraction of batting out of order will result in a warning. The second infraction will result in an out being called.
- All players are required to use USA stamped/approved bats only
- Batters will bat until the ball is put into play or a strikeout.
- 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

### **Pitching**

- A pitcher cannot pitch more than 2 innings per game.
- There will be an 8 warm up pitch count for a new pitcher and a 5 warmup pitch count in between each inning following.
- A player who is removed from pitching to play another position cannot return to pitching in the same game.
- Any pitcher who hits three (3) batters in any inning must be removed from the pitching position

- If a pitcher pitches 4 balls before the ball is put in play or a strikeout, the coach will pitch to finish the batter. Coach inherits the current strike count. NO WALKS.
- The first 2 innings of play are kid pitch. The remaining innings will be pitched by the fielding team's coach.

**Equipment/Safety**

- All games will be played on field with 60-foot bases and 30' pitching mound
- 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).