

2006 NIAGARA SOUTH PEEWEE DIVISION PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each team will field nine players as in traditional baseball.

Dress Code/Equipment

- all players must have athletic supporters
- rubber spikes are the only spikes allowed (no metal ones)
- Helmets must be worn with chin straps
- Regular hard balls are to be used

2. All players present at the game will be placed in a consecutive batting order to be followed for the entire game. If a player must be removed from the lineup due to injury or other reason then all following players will simply advance up the batting order.
3. Players may be called up from a house league Mosquito team to allow a team to field a sufficient roster. All players called up must become part of the roster for the game and they must be played the same as everyone else during the game. Players may NOT be used from another Peewee house league or Rep team.
4. A team will have a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled start time to field a team of no fewer than eight (8) players. If a team is unable to field a team of eight (8) players, the game will be defaulted to the opposing team and a final score of 7 to 0 will be recorded. However, the team with fewer than eight (8) players will borrow players from the opposing team and an exhibition game will be declared and played. If a team's numbers drop to below 9 during the game then the game will continue to completion. Any player arriving late will be placed at the bottom of the batting order
5. Teams may use an unlimited substitution rule for all defensive positions.
6. Pitchers can only pitch 3 consecutive innings per game, and cannot return to pitch in the same game. If a pitcher is removed from the game in middle of an inning he MUST be replaced with a player ON THE FIELD
7. All games will be a maximum of 7 innings in length, or a time limit of 1 1/2 hours. It is an official game after four (4) innings of play. All games begin at the scheduled start time unless they are delayed by a previous game, or by the umpires arriving late. In these cases, time begins with the first pitch. The curfew time should be noted by the umpires and announced to both teams at the beginning of the game. No new innings may be started after the stated curfew time. An inning in progress may be completed after the curfew time has been reached, if necessary.
8. A limit of 5 runs per inning applies in the first 6 innings, unless last inning is called. Unlimited runs in the 7th inning, or last inning called. There is no catch-up rule.
9. Last inning is to be called by the umpire when it appears that the curfew time will be reached during the inning. The purpose of the calling of last inning is to allow unlimited runs in the inning, which will allow a team trailing by more than 5 runs to catch up. If the inning is completed prior to curfew being reached, another inning of unlimited runs may be played.
10. A team ahead by 10 or more runs after 5 full innings wins by mercy.

11. Games may be stopped prior to completing seven full innings if field conditions do not permit continuation of the game (darkness, weather etc.). The relative field conditions will be at the discretion of the umpires.
12. If the scheduled catcher is on base when the second out is made, the catcher will have a courtesy runner to speed up play. The courtesy runner will be the last player who was called out
13. Balk warnings will be given until JULY 1st. After that umpires will rule normally on balks
14. On any 'close play' other than 1st base, the runner must attempt to slide. If the umpire deems that the player intentionally ran at an opposing player, he may be ejected.
15. Field Dimensions
 - rubber is 50 feet from home plate
 - bases are 75 feet apart
16. Umpires
 - Home team has the responsibility to provide and pay umpires
 - Umpires will enforce all regular OBA rules
 - Umpires will enforce any local rules put down by the home team that have been approved by the Interlock team coaches

General rules

- no smoking/alcohol on the field areas, parking areas, canteen/washroom areas etc by any player or adult associated with the team
- no swearing by players or adults associated with the team
- Any player or team official ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for an additional game
- any protests must be submitted to the Home Team Convenor and will be handled by other non-involved conveners at a special meeting to be called by the Home Team Convenor.
- home team is to supply 2 game balls

Canceling/Rescheduling games

- Home team has the responsibility to call the visitors in sufficient time to cancel a game in the event of rain or other reasons
- Canceled games are to be rescheduled between the two teams if possible.