



Attleboro Youth Baseball



Rules & Regulations

DIVISION – PEE WEE 7's

Attleboro Youth Baseball League Pee Wee 7 division is the third step in the instructional program. Pee Wee 7 players will learn more about the structure and rules of baseball. Catcher's equipment will be introduced to the players, as they get accustomed to a more traditional defensive alignment. Pee Wee 7 players shall be instructed in all the basic fundamentals of the game (i.e. batting, throwing, fielding, base running and a most important aspect, TEAMWORK). All players should be constantly encouraged by managers, coaches, and parents to pay attention and at all times to do their best. Your positive influence, constructive direction and patience will allow all who participate to have a fun and enjoyable season.

1. UNIFORM

1.1 The Attleboro Youth Baseball League will supply each player with a cap and tee shirt depicting the team name. Both items are the children's to keep at the end of the season.

2. GAME TIME

2.1 The game will last 6 innings or 1-1/2 hours, whichever comes first. If in the middle of an inning, it may be **completed, but no new inning starts after 1-1/2 hours. If the home team is ahead, still play the last at-bat, if within the allotted time frame.**

2.2 Under normal conditions, games will start at 5:45 PM.

2.3 Players are expected to arrive at the field at least 20 minutes before scheduled start time.

3. DEFENSIVE ALIGNMENT

3.1 Defense will consist of a maximum of ten (10) players, four (4) outfielders, four (4) infielders, a pitcher and a catcher if twelve (12) or more players are present for the game. If eleven (11) or less players are available all will play on defense with four (4) infielders, a pitcher and catcher, and the balance of team in the outfield. A player should be stationed in the vicinity of the pitcher's mound while a coach is pitching.

3.2 Catchers must wear a protective cup.

3.3 Managers must rotate players between defensive position's giving each player the opportunity to play each position.

3.4 Every outfielder must be positioned at least 20 feet behind the outer edge of the infield dirt at the start of every pitch



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4. HITTING

- 4.1** The manager will determine the batting order. All players will be placed in the batting order. Managers must rotate the batting order on a game-to-game basis.
- 4.2** A player will be called out after five (5) swinging strikes. If a pitcher gets three (3) swinging strikes on a batter, the coach will step in and batter will be out after two (2) more swinging strikes. A foul ball will count as a strike, except as strike 3 from pitcher or strike 5 from coach. In an effort to keep the game moving and in fairness to all players, coaches should limit the number of pitches a batter receives, in the event the batter is reluctant to swing the bat.
- 4.3** There are no walks or free bases for being hit with a pitch.
- 4.4** Full swings must be taken. No bunting is allowed.
- 4.5** All batters must wear protective helmets.

5. PITCHING

- 5.1** First 4 games are all coach pitch – 3 swings then tee or soft toss.
- 5.2** After game 4 coaches will pitch the first 2 Innings, then the kids pitch the remainder of the game. One coach of the team batting will stand behind the pitcher to call balls and strikes, and to step in and pitch to the batter after 4 balls or 3 swinging strikes, whichever comes first.
- 5.3** After a pitcher throws 4 balls or 3 swinging strikes (foul ball counts as strike, except on strike 3) the coach steps in to finish pitching the at bat.
- 5.4** When kids are pitching they can be a little in front of the rubber – up to 18 inches (no closer for safety reasons)
- 5.5** Any pitcher that hits three (3) batters in a game will be removed from the mound for the remainder of that game.
- 5.6** Pitchers cannot pitch more than 2 innings per week. If a pitcher pitches 2 innings in a game, 2 days of rest are needed before pitching again. Example- 2 innings pitched on Saturday, cannot pitch again until Tuesday.
- 5.7** Everyone should try to pitch, so the third inning in a week isn't necessary, but in the case of a three game week due to scheduling or make-up, a pitcher can pitch a third inning provided he/she has had one day of rest since he/she pitched one inning in previous game pitched or two days of rest since he/she pitched two innings in previous pitched game.
- 5.8** One pitch thrown in inning counts as an inning pitched.
- 5.9** The pitching week is Monday through Sunday.



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6. RETIRING THE SIDE

6.1 The side will be retired when a team makes three (3) outs or scores four (4) runs.

7. BASE RUNNING

7.1 The runner must remain on the base until the ball is hit.

7.2 The runner may advance as many bases as possible on an outfield hit until the ball reaches the infield.

7.3 No bases will be allowed on an overthrow to first base. One base will be allowed on over throws to all other bases.

7.4 There will be no stealing.

7.5 Base runners must avoid contact with defensive players. Any intentional contact will result in the base runner being called out.

8. COACHING

8.1 A maximum of two (2) coaches will be allowed on the field while their team is on defense. Coaches must not interfere with play.

8.2 The team batting should provide 1st and 3rd base coaches.

9.0 SCORING

9.1 At this stage players should begin to learn that each game has a winning team and losing team. A score will be kept, but there will be no standings or playoffs.

10. END OF THE GAME

10.1 At the end of the game, each team, including coaches, will line up and shake hands with the opposing team.



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* Please refer to the code of conduct policy on attleboroyouthbaseball.com < rule book < code of conduct policy for details on Attleboro Recreation Departments policies regarding parent/children behavior and responsibilities while utilizing Attleboro fields and facilities.

*No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed on any playing field during games or practice.

* It is the coach's responsibility to teach, encourage, show sportsmanship and fairness to all involved. The example you set as a coach will be an important one for the players to follow.

The Attleboro Youth Baseball League thanks you for your continued efforts and support of the baseball program!

