



UXBRIDGE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYING RULES 2017



GENERAL RULES

1. All UYBA members including players, coaches, umpires, parents and officials are bound by both leagues Code of Conducts.
2. Smoking and drinking of alcohol is not permitted at any event.
3. All players used in a game must be members of UYBA, registered and in good standing with the Association.
4. All players must wear the supplied house league uniform, which includes pants, jersey and hat.
5. All players shall wear an athletic support and appropriate genital protection.
6. Approved baseball batting helmets with chin straps are mandatory while batting and running the bases.
7. The official rules of baseball shall be followed when and where possible unless otherwise specified in the specific division playing rules.
8. All games are to start at the scheduled time, no extension of time limits are permitted due to a late start with the exception of weather or field condition delays.
9. Batting orders will include all team members present at the game. Batting will be in continuous order throughout the game, unless a player is hurt or leaves, the spot vacated by the player will not result in an out. If a batter must be removed from the game during their at bat the last out will come to bat and assume the existing count.
10. The home team coaching staff is responsible for laying out the diamond to the division specifications
11. Both teams are responsible for reporting the score and highlights to the division convener within 48hrs of the completion of the game by recording it on Team Snap.
12. For the Peewee/Bantam Division: to determine league standings, two points are awarded for a win, one for a tie, and no point for a loss.



13. Jewelry (cloth based or metallic) shall not be worn during practices or games. Exceptions to this rule are Medic Alert bracelets or necklaces.
14. Metal cleats are not permitted.
15. Any person warming up a pitcher on or near the playing field before or during a game or practice must wear a catcher's mask.
16. If no umpires are available at game time, every effort should be made to obtain volunteers from the spectators or the coaching staffs. In the absence of umpire safety equipment, the home plate umpire will assume the position behind the pitcher's mound. No player shall sit on the bench for two innings in one game until every player has sat at least one inning on the bench. Similarly, no player shall sit on the bench for three innings in one game until every player has sat on the bench for two innings, etc... Exceptions to this rule are for medical reasons or injuries.
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18. If a coach is aware that they will not have enough players to field a team, they may request call ups from their Division Convener. Call ups are not permitted to pitch during the game. If a player is called up they must be played according to all playing rules.
19. For the Peewee/Bantam Divisions: the minimum number of players for one team in a game is seven (7) if less than seven players are available to play no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled game time the game shall be a forfeit. The game must still be played for the benefit of the players in attendance and coaches should be encouraged to loan players to the team in default.
20. Umpires shall have a ground rules meeting 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.



21. All coaches are required to wear a team jersey. Open toed shoes are not permitted on the field.
22. Only designated personnel from UYBA are permitted to cancel games prior to the beginning of the game. Once a game begins all decisions on the game are made by the Umpire in conjunction with the designated UYBA Convener and Coaches.
23. All coaches are asked to keep their line-up sheets showing batting orders and defensive line-ups for the entire season. This information may be requested by the Division Convener.
24. All teams are created based on age and skill rating. All efforts are taken to ensure balanced teams within a division.
25. UYBA reserves the right to move players to a different team in order to achieve equal and balanced teams. If this is necessary it will be addressed within the first month of the baseball season.
26. UYBA reserves the right to change or modify these rules from time to time for the benefit of the league.



PEEWEE/BANTAM

(12, 13, 14 and 15 year olds)

Distance between bases: 75 ft.
Distance to pitching rubber:
Pee wee/Bantam: 52 ft.
Official length of game: +/- Six (6)
innings No new inning after:

6 PM game 75 min / 7:30 game 80
min

1. Pee wee/Bantam is a competitive division with game scores or standings kept.
2. Umpires are provided for the Division.
3. All players are placed in the batting order, there are unlimited defensive substitutions. Should a player arrive late they are to be added to the end of the batting order.
4. The traditional nine baseball positions are fielded each inning.
5. Coaches are not permitted on the field of play.
6. No player shall sit on the bench for two innings in one game until every player has sat at least one inning on the bench. Similarly, no player shall sit on the bench for three innings in one game until every player has sat on the bench for two innings, etc... Exceptions to this rule are for medical reasons or injuries.
7. Games will be approximately six (6) innings in length. An official game is four (4) innings or if the home team is winning after 3 ½ innings. If a game does not meet the minimum 4 innings due to time limit or weather, the game shall be considered official if 3 innings have been played.
8. In all innings, except for the open inning (3rd) a team's turn at bat will terminate with the occurrence of three (3) outs or having scored a 5 run maximum, whichever comes first. The open inning only three outs will end the inning.
9. Pitchers are allowed to pitch in three (3) innings. These must be consecutive innings. For the purpose of this rule an inning is considered the delivery of one (1) pitch to a batter. Once a pitcher is removed they may not pitch again in that game. The following pitch count rules will also apply.
 - a. A pitcher may not pitch more than 80 pitches in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter the pitcher may complete pitching to that batter.
 - b. If a pitcher throws more than 55 pitches in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day - a player must have 2 nights rest.



- c. Both teams shall have pitch count recorders that shall compare totals each half inning.
- d. Pitch count recorders must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either a coach or the umpire.
- e. The pitch count recorders should inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered their limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's coach that the pitcher must be removed.

Note: It is the responsibility of the coach to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or the umpire fail to notify the manager.

- f. Illegal pitching penalty: Where a player throws more pitches than permitted, the player's team shall forfeit the game.

10. Pitchers will get one warning for a balk. After that, runners will be awarded bases.

11. A coach shall be allowed an unlimited number of trips to the mound without having to remove the pitcher. The umpire may limit such trips if, in the umpire's view, the coach or manager's intention is to delay the game.

12. With two (2) out, a substitute runner may be provided for a catcher on base. The designated runner must be the last out.

13. Runners may take lead offs and steal 2nd or 3rd base.

14. Runners may not steal home. (includes advancing home on a wild pitch or passed ball)

If there is a runner on first and a passed ball or wild pitch is thrown the runner can go to second, he can even keep going all the way to third. What he can't do is advance home. There are no restrictions on when you can steal 2nd or 3rd.

The only way a runner can advance home is if the following occurs:

Ball is hit and runner can make it home during that play.

Bases Loaded and the batter walks

Bases Loaded and the batter is hit by a pitch

Runner on 3rd Base and the pitchers tries to pick him off and throws the ball away.

Runner on 2nd Base and 3rd Base, pitcher tries to pick runner off on 2nd and throws the ball away

Runner on 1st and 3rd, pitcher tries to pick off runner on 1st and throws the ball away

Bases Loaded, pitcher tries to pick runner off at any base and throws the ball away

Runner can also score on any live play after a ball is hit. for example he has just run from 2nd to 3rd on a ground ball and a player overthrows any base.

15. Bunts are allowed



16. Dropped third strike rule is NOT in effect. Batter will be called out whether or not the catcher catches the ball on the third strike.

17. Infield fly rule IS in effect.