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PeeWee Spring House Rules

BC (Minor) Baseball Rulebook

1. Except for KMBA Local House Rules, all PeeWee play is governed by the BC (Minor) Baseball Rulebook. The rulebook can be found in electronic format at bcminorbaseball.org.

KMBA 13U Spring Season - Local Rules

Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires

2. The BC (Minor) Rule applies and is reproduced below.
3. In short, no one may approach an umpire to talk about any call made during the game, even if you are just seeking clarification.
4. All umpire decisions are final. No protests are allowed
5. Appealing check swings in accordance with the rules is permitted

Starting and Ending a Game

Line Up Cards

6. Coaches should arrive with a completed lineup card and provide a copy to the opposing coach/scorekeeper and the umpire.

Score Keeper

7. Both teams use a scorekeeper. The home team will provide the official score keeper.

Minimum Players

8. A team may start the game with 8 players.
 - a. If, at 15 minutes past the schedule game time, a team has fewer than 8 players that team will forfeit the win and the score shall be recorded as 6-0.
 - b. Teams are encouraged to make use of the field time by playing an exhibition game and sharing players. (Pitch counts will apply).

Run Limits

9. The limit shall be 4 runs per inning, except the last inning shall be Open.

Time Limit

10. The next inning after 1h45m from the official start time shall be declared open, but no new inning may start after 2 hours.
 - a. Note the official start time will be the start time as listed on the division schedule. Ex. Game is scheduled for 6pm but game starts at 6:04pm the official start time will still be 6pm for this rule.
 - b. This rule applies even if an open inning has yet to be declared.
 - c. Once the open inning is declared there will be no other innings after that.

Mercy Rule

11. The mercy rule of a 10-run lead is in effect.
 - a. If a team (home or away) leads by 10 or more runs after 5 (4 ½ if home team is winning) complete innings played, the game shall end.

Rainouts

12. Rainouts will be called at the park.
 - a. Parents are to arrive at the park for the start time. The coaches and the umpire will decide if the game will be played or postponed.

Fair Play: Substitutions and Player Positions

Sitting out

13. Coaches may not “sit” a player for two consecutive innings during a game. (The exception will be for reasons of injury, discipline, or late arrival, at which time coaches will inform the umpire and opposing coach of the situation)

Equal Opportunity

14. Every effort should be made to give equal playing time over the course of the season and to give players the opportunity to try different positions.
15. All players who express an interest shall be given equal opportunity to pitch. Using a full team pitching rotation is essential to player development.
16. Every effort should be made to rotate the batting order throughout the season so that everyone gets a chance to bat near the top of the order and the bottom of the order.

The Batter

Batting Lineup

17. All players listed on the roster take their turns at bat.
18. Players batting out of order will be called out on appeal unless the mistake is caught before the batter becomes a runner. In this case, the correct batter may replace the incorrect batter but assume the count.

Safety

19. A player who throws a bat will receive 1 warning before being called out.
20. The player on-deck must be in the circle "behind the batter"
21. All helmets must have chinstraps

The Runner

Stealing

22. Runners are permitted to steal bases
23. The following rules will apply prior to the 3rd Sunday in May
 - a. No runner is permitted to "strait" steal 3rd Base or Home when the pitcher is in possession of the ball and is in contact with the pitching rubber unless there has been a pick-off attempt.
 - b. "Delayed" steals (after the pitch crosses the plate) of 3rd Base are allowed.
 - c. No runner is permitted to advance to Home on a passed ball or wild pitch

Pitching

Pitch Counts

24. Pitch count rules applicable to Spring season:
 - a. 1-35 pitches = no rest
 - b. 36-55 pitches = 2 nights rest
 - c. 56-75 pitches = 3 nights rest
25. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game he may not later enter and pitch in that same game
26. Pitch counts must be kept by each team. It is recommended that they are recorded in the team's scorebook.

Pitches Between Innings

27. A pitcher will only be allowed 8 warm up pitches when they first enter the game. For any subsequent inning that the pitcher remains in the game they will only be given 5 warm up pitches between innings. If that pitcher is replaced at any point because of injury then the subsequent pitcher will be given as many pitches as required for them to warm up and pitch safely.

Balk Warnings

28. Pitchers will receive two balk warnings. On a third balk call for the same pitcher, penalties will be imposed as called for under the Official Rules of Baseball.

Codes of Conduct

Coaches

29. KMBA Coaches shall
- d. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches
 - e. Be professional in manner and accept responsibility for actions by displaying high standards, while displaying control, respect, dignity and professionalism as an ambassador of KMBA
 - f. Promote competition, fair play, and fun with a goal of developing all the athletes
 - g. Abide by all policies, rules, and codes of conduct imposed by KMBA and its governing bodies

Players

30. KMBA Players shall:
- h. Treat everyone with respect by:
 - i. Being generous in winning and graceful in losing
 - ii. Respecting and accepting with dignity the decisions of the umpires
 - iii. Being courteous to teammates, coaches, opponents, and spectators
 - i. Exercise self-control at all times by:
 - iv. Refraining from unsportsmanlike gestures, talk, language, profanity, taunting, or teasing
 - v. Refraining from throwing equipment in disgust (bat, helmet, glove, or any object)
 - vi. Take proper care of equipment and uniforms, including setting up, taking down, and caring for equipment at games and practices.

Parents

31. KMBA Parents shall treat everyone with respect by:
- j. Cheering in a positive manner for all competitors

- k. Respecting the decisions of officials
- l. Being courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials
- m. Refraining from disrespectful conduct of any sort, including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting or other actions that demean any individual.
- n. Exercise self-control at all times
- o. Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any park.

Important BC (Minor) Baseball Rules - Contact with Umpires

Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires

1. Before, during or after a game coaches or players may not approach an umpire for any reason except that they may:
 - a. attend the plate meeting;
 - b. request the Umpire to call "Time";
 - c. raise a safety concern;
 - d. approach the Umpire to make a substitution on defense or offence;
 - e. request the plate umpire to ask their partner for help on a half swing when the plate umpire calls the pitch a ball, but not when the pitch is called a strike. The plate Umpire will consult with the other umpire for a determination which will be final;
 - f. approach the Umpire to protest a game based on an interpretation of the Rule of Baseball on terms as set out in this Rulebook. (No protests are allowed at 11U and younger divisions.)
 - g. shake the Umpires hands post game;
 - h. thank the umpires and or offer words of encouragement;
2. Coaches and/or Players at any time may NOT:
 - a. Argue any Umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach or substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions. Players leaving their position in the field or on base, or managers or coaches leaving the bench or coaches box, to argue on BALLS AND STRIKES will not be permitted. The umpire shall immediately eject any manager, coach, player or team representative that continues to approach an umpire after his/her decision has been made;
 - b. harass or verbally abuse any official on the field of play before, during or after any game. Contravention will result will be the person being ejected from the game subject to further possible discipline by BCBA.

- c. on a half swing, if the manager comes out to argue with first or third base umpire he can be ejected as he is now arguing over a called ball or strike.