

VERNON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

PEE WEE RULES

Updated 2023

1. All BC Minor Baseball Rules and VDMB Peewee Rules are in effect. If there is a conflict, VDMB Rules shall supersede those of BC Minor Baseball.
2. Full uniform and hats that are supplied by the league must be worn to all games - shirts are to be tucked in. All players must wear athletic supporters. All base runners, the batter, and the on-deck batter must wear batting helmets with chin straps. Players may wear running shoes or molded rubber cleats.
3. No gum is permitted anywhere on the field, including in the dugouts. No players can have sunflower seeds on them or in their mouths while on the fields.
4. The Home Team must prepare the diamond before the game. After each game, the Home Team must rake the infield, home plate and the pitching mound, and make sure all equipment used during the game is returned to the locked-up. The home team is the second team listed in the schedule.
5. The Home Team occupies the dugout adjacent to the third base line.
6. Before a game, each head coach must give a copy of his batting line-up to the opposing team and the home plate umpire.
7. After each game, the head coach of each team must send the final score to the 13U director at Peewee@vernonbaseball.com.
8. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and parents during games and to make sure that there is no abuse of the umpires, players and equipment.
9. Games must start within five minutes of the scheduled start time.
10. The umpire has sole discretion when to call the game due to darkness or poor field or weather conditions.
11. No new innings can commence 2 hours after the start of the game.

12. Games postponed due to poor weather will be rescheduled by the division coordinator, if there is time available in the schedule.

13. Games shall be a maximum of seven innings. Four complete innings with no less than eight players on the field for each team will constitute a legal game.

14. If a game is tied at the end of 7 innings, it will remain a tie.

15. All players will be included in the batting order. Players will be listed in the order they are to bat. Players arriving late will be added to the end of the batting order.

16. No more than nine players are allowed on the field per inning.

17. All players must sit one inning before a player can sit a second inning and no player can sit more than two innings per game; except for disciplinary reasons.

18. The coach must inform the umpire and the coach of the opposing team of any disciplinary actions or if a player must leave the game early for any reason.

Pitching

19. The number of pitches per pitcher and rest required is as set out in BC Minor Baseball Rules and is as follows:

Pee Wee

1-35 pitches = No rest

36-55 pitches = 2 nights rest

56-75 pitches = 3 nights rest

Note #1: Pitches thrown in warm-up, bullpen, or ruled no pitch by the umpire because time was called prior to the pitch, or thrown when ruled no pitch due to a balk do not count towards pitch count.

Note #2: Pitch count is recorded after each game. A pitcher who requires rest after the first game of the day cannot pitch in the second game. Example: A Pee Wee pitcher who throws 40 pitches in game one is ineligible to pitch in game two.

Note #3: "If a pitcher has two appearances in the same day his total pitch count for the day is combined for the purpose of rest.

Example 1: A Pee Wee pitcher who throws 30 pitches in game one and 25 pitches in game two has thrown 55 pitches for the day and requires 3 nights rest.

Note #4: "The following is a definition of a night's rest. Example: Pitcher requires 2 nights rest after throwing a 1PM game on a Sunday. Pitcher rests Sunday night and Monday night and can pitch when he wakes up on Tuesday morning.

Exceeding Limits to Finish Batter

A pitcher is permitted to exceed the maximum limit (for a day) to complete pitching to a batter.

Pitching on Consecutive Days

Pitchers are not permitted to pitch on four (4) consecutive days. A player can only pitch on a third (3rd) consecutive day if ALL the following conditions are met:

- (i) Games are during Spring Tournaments, Summer, Single Seasons or Provincials
- (ii) His/her total pitch count on the 2 previous days does not exceed the Spring "no rest" limit for his/her division as defined under rule 23.01.

Example: A Pee Wee pitcher may only pitch on a 3rd day, if his/her combined total for days 1 and 2 does not exceed 35 pitches.

20. If a play is being made, or is about to be made, it is MANDATORY for players to slide or make an effort to avoid a collision at all bases and home plate; failure to do either will result in an automatic 'out', the ball will be deemed dead and no runner may advance beyond the base that was last legally acquired.

21. Base stealing is permitted, including stealing from third base to home.

22. A batter can run on a third strike dropped by the catcher. The batter does not need to swing at the third strike. For clarification, if a batter does not swing and the pitch is called a strike and the catcher drops the ball, the batter can run.

23. The Umpire will call interference on a defensive player if the bag or plate is not partly exposed. The runner will be awarded the base.

24. Calling a player out for throwing the bat will be at the Umpire's discretion. If the batter is called out no base runner will advance.

25. If a player has started the game and must leave before it is over, he/she will be deleted from the line-up and no outs will occur. If a player is injured during the game and cannot continue, he/she will be deleted from the line-up and no outs will occur.

26. Mercy rule

If a team is leading its opponent by at least ten (10) runs after five or more equal innings have been played, or after four and one-half innings if the team second at bat should have a ten run lead at the end of its fourth inning, or before the completion of its fifth inning, the game shall be terminated and the team in front declared the winner. Should a team hit a "walk off" out of the park home run to end a game under the mercy rule all runners including the batter shall be permitted to score (as per the Official Rules of Baseball).

27. For Peewee 'A' Each inning shall end with 3 outs or 4 runs scored. The last inning will be an open inning. An open inning means teams may score an unlimited number of runs in its last turn at bat with the caveat that each batter can only hit once-you can only run through the batting order once. **Open inning should be called for the inning starting after 1 hour 45 minutes.**

28. Bunting is permitted.