

2020 Hudson Kiwanis Pee Wee League Rules

A. SPIRIT AND PURPOSE OF THE GAME: Fun and learning will be the primary goals of the Pee Wee League of the Hudson Kiwanis Baseball. Although hits and outs will be played as they are in higher levels of baseball, no score will be kept. Further, all coaches and spectators will be expected to maintain that spirit at all times.

B. FIELD DIMENSIONS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Base path distance: 45 feet
2. A 15 foot arc from home plate will be a "Dead Ball Zone" (tee ball only). Balls that do not go beyond this area will be replayed at the coaches' discretion.
3. During "Coach Pitch", coaches may pitch from any distance and in any manner he or she deems necessary to facilitate the successful batting of the ball. For 2020 - the "Coach Pitch" cut in date will be TBD based on updated schedule.
4. For safety purposes, two first bases will be used. The fielder should be instructed to use the inside base and, to avoid collision, the runner will be instructed to run to the outside base.
5. Infielders should be positioned INSIDE the base paths to allow the runners a clear lane to the next base.
6. All bats must be the legal bat size of 2 1/4" or smaller barrel and Level 5 baseballs will be used. Hardballs will not be permitted on the field at any time.

C. GAME RULES

1. Games will be played regardless of how many players are in attendance for any game and shall be limited by a time limit of no new inning will begin after 1 hour and 15 minutes from the scheduled start time.
2. An inning will consist of each batter on each team batting one time. Each team will bat through its entire line up once. Each team will continue to bat through its entire lineup regardless of how many outs are recorded. The batting order may change from inning to inning but the batting order within an inning should not change. Any player that arrives once the game has begun will be required to bat at the end of the batting order.
3. The home team will bat last and sit on the first base side.
Batters MUST wear protective head gear any time they are batting, or running the bases. **Only the batter up to bat will be permitted to have a bat in his / or her hands. There will be no on deck batters permitted. Bat boys and bat girls will not be permitted.**
4. A batter and/or base runner may advance up to 2 bases if and only if the ball is in the outfield and not controlled by any fielder. Once the ball is under the control of any fielder, the runners should not advance. Runners may not advance more than one base if the ball is in the infield (whether or not it is under the control of a fielder). Base runners will not advance on an overthrow. The last batter in an inning, as well as runners on base, must follow these base running rules (i.e. runners and hitters will not be permitted to circle the bases after the ball is hit).
5. Normal base running rules will apply. Force play rules will be enforced, as will tagging up rules on a caught fly ball. Any players recording an out will be removed from the base paths. Coaches and fans should be sure to encourage batters or base runners who record outs, reminding them that outs are a part of the game.
6. No lead offs or base stealing will be permitted. Head first sliding will not be permitted.

7. During the Tee Ball phase of the program, players will get an unlimited number of swings to put the ball in play beyond the "Dead Ball Zone". Prior to each at bat, the coach should hold the bat, announce that the ball is on the tee, and ensure that all fielders are paying attention.
8. During the Coach Pitch portion of the program, each player will get NO MORE THAN SIX (6) pitches. If the batter is unable to put the ball in play within six pitches, the coaches will set up the tee for the batter to use. If the batter hits a foul ball on the final pitch, the coaches will set up the tee for the batter to use. The purpose of this rule is to keep the game moving and to keep fielders alert. Coaches SHOULD NOT agree to ignore this rule.

D. POSITIONING OF PLAYERS AND COACHES:

1. Teams will use all their players in the field. Players will be positioned at P, 1B, 2B, SS, and 3B (No catcher due to Covid 19 requirements). All remaining fielders should be spread out in the outfield a minimum of 15 feet behind the base paths. No fielder should be positioned directly behind second base. Outfielders should be placed NO LESS THAN 15 feet behind the base paths regardless of the apparent strength of the batter. Fielders should be taught to play their position properly, and should not be allowed to "pile up" on top of the ball under any circumstances.
2. Players should be rotated between infield and outfield positions so that all players play in the infield an equal number of times. Catcher is not required due to Covid 19 precautions. Coaches should attempt to rotate players so that they do not play the same position twice in a game. However, every effort should be made to position players where they are most likely to succeed.
3. Players from the batting team should be seated in an orderly fashion on the bench if they are not batting or on the bases. **Only coaches, players, and parents will be permitted in the bench area.** There **must** be a coach or parent assigned the responsibility of keeping the players on the bench disciplined. If an individual player refuses to abide by these rules, the child's parent or guardian should be asked to control the individual. Players not following the bench conduct rule will not be permitted to bat during that inning. Parents will not be allowed to permit their child to sit with them unless the player no longer desires to play in the game.
4. Coaches and/or parents and/or other adults on the batting team should be positioned in the following manner: bench coach (to keep order on the bench and prepare the batters with helmets, etc. for their turn at bat), 1B coach; 3B coach; batting coach at the tee during Tee Ball and pitching during coach pitch. Children under the age of 18 MAY NOT be permitted to act as a coach under any circumstances. No child under the age of 18 will be permitted inside the fenced in area during game play. **Bats and other equipment must be placed out side of the fenced in area.** Coaches may not hold a child in their arms or on their shoulders at any time during the game play.
5. Coaches from the fielding team should be positioned in left center field and right center field for the purpose of instructing fielders. Coaches should not kick or bat down a ball that is hit in their direction, and they should avoid interfering with the ball and the play in any manner.

E. CONDUCT OF COACHES, SPECTATORS AND PLAYERS

1. All managers and assistant coaches will be expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship at all times.
2. No manager or any member of his or her staff will appear at any game or practice under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Any coach determined to be in violation of this rule will be suspended immediately and indefinitely, and will be subject to review by the Hudson Kiwanis Baseball Coaches Committee.
3. Managers and coaches will not be permitted to smoke or use chewing tobacco (in any form) during any practice or game. (NOTE: alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited anywhere in Oak Grove Park, including at the picnic tables and at the Pavilion).
4. The Manager is responsible for the conduct for his team, his staff, and his team spectators. Any spectator violating the spirit of the game fore mentioned should be addressed by the manager. If the behavior continues, the manager may ask the spectator to leave the premises. All players and other children must be supervised by an adult at all times. If a parent or guardian must leave the field for any reason, the player and/or sibling must be under the care of an adult. If the parent or guardian is not present at any time during the game or practice, the parent or guardian must notify the Manager and/or coach in charge of the practice or game.
5. Coaches, parents, and spectators from both teams will be expected to instruct, assist, encourage, and root for the players on both teams.

Bat boys or girls (or non-players) under the age of 18 are not permitted in the bench area or not permitted on the field of play.

No player, coach, fan or spectator is allowed inside the 25 foot radius of the backstop for safety and potential disturbance of the game.