

YEAR 2008
AMERICAN LEGION PEE WEE BASEBALL RULES

- I.** All Pee Wee Tournament and Non Tournament games shall be five (5) innings, unless games are called by the umpire because of darkness, rain or other causes (within the umpire's judgment) that interfere with further play. In this case, three or more innings played shall constitute a legal game; or 2-1/2 innings if the team second at bat shall have scored more runs at the end of the second inning than the team first at bat has scored in three complete innings. **However, the district final game must be a complete game, if play has been stopped at a prior time due to the umpire discretion.** If any team is 10 or more runs ahead at the end of 2-1/2 innings and they bat last, or three (3) innings if they bat first, they will be declared the winner.
- II.** No school district (or Legion Post) may have two teams under the same direct supervision unless the district is divided by a definite boundary. No player is eligible to cross such boundary to play with another team.
- III.** Team managers wishing to participate in any Pee Wee Tournament that might qualify them for Tournament play are required to do the following prior to the beginning of that Tournament:
- A.** All teams must be covered by group accident and liability insurance for the entire season. The season begins with the first day of tryouts or practice. Proof of such coverage must accompany submission of the team's roster to **The American Legion of Iowa Department headquarters** for certification.
 - B.** Pay the Liability supplemental Medical Insurance Premium of **\$96** (General Liability/\$48; Excess Limits/\$6; Accident Medical Expense with \$250 deductible/\$24.75; Catastrophic Accident/\$16.25; and Special Dental Option/\$1).
 - C.** Players listed on the roster who do not meet grade and age requirements as outlined will not be eligible for insurance coverage. IF A TEAM ROSTER HAS MORE THAN 18 PLAYERS, A SECOND INSURANCE PREMIUM WILL BE REQUIRED. INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL TAKE EFFECT UPON PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM BEING RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN.
 - D.** Pay a Department Registration Entry Fee of **\$25**, of which \$10 will be forwarded to the District of the sponsoring Post. **This includes all teams.**
 - E.** Provide the Pee Wee Baseball Committee with an eligibility list of players.
 - F.** When a city has more than one team that could become eligible for the District American Legion Baseball Tournament, all the teams participating in that city's program must be registered by paying the \$25 entry fee. Officials supervising the local program will decide what teams are to participate in the District Pee Wee Tournament according to the city's allotment.
 - G.** The Insurance and Entry fee, plus the eligibility list will be sent to **The American Legion of Iowa, 720 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309.** To be eligible for tournament play, team money and eligibility list must arrive at the above address by **June 13, 2008.**
- IV. Eligibility of Player**
- A.** Every player must play with a team from his or her customary residence, if a team is sponsored there. Such legal residence as defined by law, is the precinct in which the parent votes.
 - B.** If a player's place of residence does not sponsor a team, then the player may play with a team that is geographically the closest to him or her. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO COMMUNITIES WITH OVER 5,000 POPULATION;
 - C.** Before any member of a ball team can participate in any tournament, they must appear in 22 innings with the team on which his or her name appears on the roster. **No innings shall apply after the beginning of County Tournament.**
 - D.** In no case may a team recruit players from a town sponsoring a team of its own. If a town does not sponsor a team, a player may go to the nearest town that does sponsor a team. Exception: A player may be waived

by the sponsoring Post or organization for the next nearest sponsoring Post or organization. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO COMMUNITIES OVER 5,000 POPULATION.

V. Team qualifications

- A.** Each County must have a County Tournament to decide its District representative team. A minimum of two teams from each County, with four or more eligible teams, may be sent to the District Tournament. In order to complete a 12 (minimum) Team Tournament, third and/or fourth place teams may be chosen for District play. These teams will be determined by the District Athletic Commission;
- B.** When a County has more than one team, team managers must have a meeting and make arrangements to see that a County play-off is completed for all interested teams;
- C.** Communities of 5,000 or more will not be permitted to enter All-Star teams. All-Star teams cannot be formed by combining players from two or more rosters from teams playing in a city youth baseball program nor can a team roster include players from another town.
- D.** Communities eligible to have an All-Star team shall not use more than three (3) players from other communities that are not eligible to have an All-Star team. Team members can only play on one team during the season as shown on the team roster submitted to the District Baseball Committee.
- E.** Each County Tournament Director will require a list of the players from each competing team showing the following:
 - 1.** Players' names (in alphabetical order);
 - 2.** Players' home address;
 - 3.** Players' grade level as of August 1, 2008 (Grades three through six);
 - 4.** Third graders must have attained eight years of age by August 1, 2008. If a player turns 13 years old before August 1, 2008, he/she is not eligible to play Pee Wee ball in that year; and
 - 5.** School last attended.

VI. Protests

- A.** When a game is protested, the official score book will be so marked at the time of the protest. Should the County Tournament Manager and/or County Chair wish to settle an appeal or protest at the local (County) level for a tournament game or league play, this shall be permissible providing a protest committee has been appointed prior to the protest or the County Tournament manager and/or the County Chair calls in all the team managers involved with teams of that group only.
- B.** All protests on the eligibility of players that is not resolved at the local lever shall be referred to the District Committee via telephone within 24 hours of the infraction. If the protesting Manager does not agree with the decision of the District Committee, the Manager shall have the right to appeal to the State Committee for final decision. Any infraction of the eligibility of players will result in immediate disqualification of that team from further tournament play.
- C.** Rules of the game will be governed by the Official Iowa High School Baseball Rule book, unless they are in conflict with the rules sanctioned by the Department of Iowa American Legion Youth Baseball Committee. The Manager only may protest a game rule infraction. The protest must be made to the Chief Umpire prior to the next pitch after the infraction took place. If the infraction is not resolved at that time, the Team Manager may appeal to District Committee for final ruling. All rule infractions must be noted in the Official and Protesting Manager's scorebooks and signed by both the Chief Umpire and Protesting Manager.
- D.** No protest may be made regarding the judgment call of an Umpire.
- E.** Protest appeal submitted to the District Committee will include a \$100 deposit. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned to the Team Manager.
- F.** Under no circumstances shall a team refuse to take the field regarding a protest on the eligibility of players or a game rule infraction.
- G.** All protests that may occur at the Inter-District or State Tournament games will be appealed to the Department Committee for final ruling.

VII. Game Rules and Player Eligibility

- A.** Bases - 65 feet;
- B.** Pitching - 49 feet;
- C.** The regulation Pee Wee game is five (5) innings in length;
- D.** Substitution Rules same as High School;
- E.** No player may pitch more than eight (8) complete innings and/or three appearances in any three (3) calendar days, nor more than five (5) innings in any one day. Total innings pitched shall include all games (League, Non League and Tournament games). One pitch or more in a given inning constitutes an inning in determining total innings pitched;
- F.** Runners will be allowed to lead off of base but the runner at third base may only lead off no more than seven (7) feet until the pitch is released and will not be able to steal home unless played upon by a defensive player.
- G.** A defensive play made on a runner at first base and/or second base will not allow the base runner on third base to advance to home plate (score). This will allow the pitcher and catcher to make a play on the runners at first and second without the runner at third being able to advance to home. Should this rule be violated, the Manager will be given a warning. The next violation and thereafter, the runner at 3rd base will be declared out.
- H.** No balks will be called on a Pee Wee pitcher until after he or she and the person in charge of the team have been given an explanation. Following the explanation, the pitcher will then be called for all other balks committed;
- I.** When striking out by swinging or a called third strike, a batter is automatically out even though the catcher misses or drops the ball;
- J.** Pee Wee players waived to play Cub B ball will not be allowed to pitch or catch on the Cub B team;
- K.** Any manager, coach or player, who conducts himself in any ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike manner that would reflect on or discredit this program while participating in the games will be ejected by the umpire and will not be allowed to participate in the next game with that team; and
- L.** METAL SPIKES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Rubber and plastic spikes are permissible.
- M.** Players and coaches will wear The American Legion baseball patch. Patches are available from The American Legion Emblem Sales.

VIII. Tournament – State Tournament, July 19-20, 2008, in Atlantic.

- A.** The County Tournament Director upon completion of their County Tournament must notify the District Chairman of the top four place winners within 12 hours following the final game;
- B.** County and/or District Tournaments will use no less than two registered and licensed umpires officiating the games. The Tournament Director shall ensure this rule is complied with;
- C.** There shall be a Tournament Director designated for all Legion sponsored Pee Wee Tournaments. It shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to see that all the rules are carried out in the proper manner;
- D.** County Tournament Directors will check to make certain all competing teams are eligible in that they have sent in their insurance premiums, eligibility list, and \$25 entry fee;
- E.** Any community hosting a District Legion Baseball Tournament may enter a team even though they are not the county winner or runner-up;
- F.** District Tournament Directors will notify participating team managers of the pairings for the District Tournaments at least two (2) days in advance of their play date by phone or personal contact;
- G.** All District Tournaments will have at least two (2) rain dates;
- H.** The District Tournament Director will be responsible for furnishing all tournament umpires with a set of rules prior to the start of the tournament;
- I.** District and County Tournament Directors will be responsible throughout the tournament for seeing that no pitcher will be allowed to pitch more innings than prescribed by the rules;

- J.** Communities hosting a County or District Baseball Tournament will be responsible for furnishing baseballs (regulation) for the tournament;
- K.** All teams participating in a County or District Tournament shall be required to take along and present to the County and/or District Tournament Director a roster of players that will match the roster of players that was initially sent to the Chairman of the District Athletic Commission prior to June 13, 2008. The team listing shall contain an alphabetical list of players (18). If the County Tournament Director wants to check the roster sent to the Athletic Chair, he may call the District Chair;
- L.** A \$200 fine will be levied on a team that forfeits their District Tournament game once a Manager/Coach has accepted an invitation to play. Until the fine is paid, no team from that town in the Pee Wee group will be eligible for American Legion play thereafter. This also applies to the manager and/or coach who were members of the team that forfeited. The fine will be waived if the team plays with a minimum of eight players which may be eligible or ineligible. An ineligible player must be within two grade levels of the tournament grade rule. Any forfeit fees will go to the community hosting the District Tournament.

XIII. Supplemental Rules

- A.** There will be no smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages or profanity in the dugout or on the playing field. Any player, manager, coach, or scorekeeper violating this rule will be removed from the playing field by the umpire. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the grandstands or bleachers. Violators will be asked to leave the spectator area.
- B.** When the game is called prior to the designated number of innings because of the 10-run rule or due to rain, the game is considered complete and any player participation in the game or sitting in the dugout will receive credit for a full game played.

***Grade effective August 1, 2008.**

Send the \$121 (for each team) with your roster to:

**The American Legion of Iowa
720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, Iowa
1-800-365-8387**

Pee Wee	Insurance	\$ 96
	Team Registration	<u>25</u>
		\$121

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