

Gwinnett Rec Sports (GRS) Rules

PeeWee

All games at all Parks will be played in accordance with National Federation of High School (NFHS) rules unless otherwise modified by the following rules.

Any player whose 7th birthday falls before May 1st of the current year and any player whose 9th birthday falls on or after May 1st of the current year is eligible to compete and complete the current PW-GRS League baseball season.

PW 1. Game Times and Scoring

- A. 6 inning games
- B. Time limit 1 hr. 20 min.
- C. 5 runs max per inning. Insurmountable lead rule is in effect (Game should end if and when win or tie is impossible)
- D. Game may end in a tie and need not be completed unless League standing is impacted.
- E. Incomplete games (less than 4 inning) need not be resumed unless League standing is impacted.
- F. Mercy Rule is 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.

PW 2. General Rules

- A. Faceguards are mandatory
- B. Headfirst slide
 - not allowed , when a player is advancing to a base
√ Runner will be out, ball is live and other runners may advance
 - allowed , when player is returning to a base
- C. Bats
 - 2 ¼" D must be BPF 1.15 Approved
 - Big Barrel Bats are legal for this Level of play
- D. Each team is allowed to have four (4) coaches, which includes the manager. This will allow two base coaches, one coach in the dug-out, and one additional coach for pitching.
- E. Pitchers will be limited to three (3) innings maximum per game. (1 pitch or play = 1 inning).
- F. Adult will Pitch the first (2) innings
 - During Adult Pitch, each batter can receive a maximum of five (5) pitches or three (3) strikes. Adult pitcher must pitch the ball over handed from the rubber. If the sixth pitch or third strike is hit foul, the batter will continue to receive pitches until the ball is missed or hit into play. If a batted ball hits the Adult pitcher, ball is dead and no pitch is declared. The defensive pitcher may position himself within 3 feet of but only even or behind the pitching rubber.

Kid will pitch all subsequent innings starting with the 3rd.

- During Kid Pitch, the standard balls and strikes count will be "in effect".

If a pitcher hits (2) batters, during the same inning or (3) in the same game, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.

No Walk Rule: If the batter receives a fourth "called ball" from the pitcher, the batter will receive two pitches from the Adult pitcher. Note: If the batter has two strikes called against him and the Adult pitcher enters the game for two pitches, the batter can only swing at one of the two pitches. If there is only one strike against the batter and the Adult pitcher enters the game, the batter can elect to swing at both of the pitches. The "integrity" of the Pitch Count must come into play. The adult pitcher must pitch the ball over handed and each of the two pitches will be automatic strikes no matter where the ball is placed. If the last pitch or third strike is hit foul, the batter will continue to receive pitches until the ball is hit into play or the batter does not swing at the last pitch.

- G. Each team to provide their own baseballs. (1 per game minimum per team)

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H. Plays not allowed.

- No walks will be issued
- No bunting during coach pitch
- No Infield Fly
- No Leading off from base
- No Base stealing
- No fake bunt and then swing away.
 - √ Contact is not necessary.
 - √ The batter is out, ball is dead and runners cannot advance.

I. Free defensive substitutions are permitted provided that minimum play requirements, determined by each team's Local Association, are met.

J. All players who are eligible to participate shall be placed in the batting order and bat consecutively in that order.

K. 10 players will be allowed on defense with standard infield and 10th player in the outfield.

L. If a team starts play with eight (8) players, an automatic out will be taken for the ninth (9th) position in the batting order for every cycle through the batting order. (No penalty of an out, if loss during the game is due to injury/sickness). At the discretion of the team Manager; If a player arrives late for the game, that player may enter the game and be inserted at the end of the batting order, even if the team has already completed one cycle through the batting order.

M. A team warning for "slinging the bat" will be issued for the 1st offense. Any player from that team will be called out on any subsequent occurrence.

PW 3. Replacement Players

Will be allowed during Regular Season but not Post Season Tournament play, when your team falls below nine (9) players.

A. Replacement player(s) can be from another REC. team from your Association of same or lower Level

B. If only one (1) team in your Association, replacement player(s) can be from an other REC. team of same Level in your League

C. Cannot add to more than nine (9) players to a team.

D. The added player(s) must bat last, play in the outfield and may not pitch.

Note: Please be advised and inform your players and parents that USA baseball, the governing body for youth baseball will issue a new standard for bats by September of 2017. The intent behind the new standard is to offer bats who's response is as close as possible to a wood bat.

The new standard will take effect on January 2018 and it is likely that all Non-Wooden bats used in 2017 may be declared illegal.

The new standard will cover all level of play , College, High School as well all Level of recreational baseball and will likely be the standard adopted by all Athletic Organizations.