



Simcoe Minor Baseball Association

SMBA 2019 Peewee House League Rules

These rules were established in keeping with the philosophy of the SMBA that the principal aim for House League baseball is to have fun and teach good sportsmanship, as well as try to further the basic skills of baseball.

Basic Baseball Ontario (OBA) regulations will be followed, with the following exceptions/clarifications from the SMBA:

- All players are to receive equal playing time.
- All players are to be entered into the batting order. If a player shows up late they are to be added to the bottom of the batting order, no penalty is incurred for doing so.
- Unlimited substitution for defense play, except for pitcher and catcher.
- The "Dropped Third Strike" rule does not apply to Peewee House League. If the third strike called by the umpire is not caught, the batter is out and cannot try advancing to first base. All other base runners can advance at their own risk.
- A Base Runner cannot steal home on a pitched ball or on a throwback to the pitcher from the catcher. Penalty – Base Runner is called out.
- Any person warming up the pitcher must wear a catcher's mask.
- No new inning to start after 1hr 30 minutes or 7 Innings.
- A pitcher may only pitch a maximum of **6** outs per game. If the **6th** out is in the middle of an inning he/she may complete that inning. Once the pitcher is removed, he/she may not pitch again that game. A pitcher may not play catcher in the same game nor shall a player who has played catcher go into pitch in the same game.
- Infield fly rule DOES apply.
- **Four (4) runs** scored or 3 outs per inning to end an inning.
- Umpires decisions are final.

Much like the players the umpires for these games are also learning. There will be zero tolerance for abuse of officials, any coach or player ejections must be reported and could lead to further penalty if deemed warranted by the SMBA Executive.

Call up players from Mosquito H/L is permitted if needed (no REP Players). No team may use call up players if said team has at least ten (10) team players. Exception – A coach is told by some players that they will be away and this number places the team below ten (10). The coach calls up players from Mosquito H/L. The team players, who said they would be away, show up at the game, and put the team over ten (10) players. The players called up can play a maximum of two innings in the field and must be entered in the last position in the batting order.

Remember: Games are about development. If a team is short players there is no forfeit, play the game using the kids that are there and share kids between teams if necessary to complete the game. If your team needs to borrow players to complete the game, the borrowed players will assume a position in your teams batting order as well.

Peewee House League Tournament Rules All Baseball Ontario rules and regulations will be followed, with the same exceptions/clarifications as per the SMBA Peewee House League rules above.

- Coin Toss to decide home team. Home team to provide an adult scorekeeper.
- 9 run mercy rule in effect after 5 complete innings.

Top 4 teams advance - OBA rules used set semi-final matches (avoid previous match ups when possible).



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The formula to determine the top 4 teams is as follows: 1: Total points - 2 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss 2: Head to head (if played equally) 3: Total runs against / number of defensive innings 4: Total runs for / number of offensive innings minus 5: Run differential as a percent - runs for / runs for + runs against 6: Run differential - runs for minus runs against 7: Number of offensive batters minus number of defensive batters