

## **Game rules for the Pewaukee Jr. Pirates Baseball Tournament**

- 1) Pitchers will be allowed to pitch **9 outs per game**. Violation of this rule results in automatic forfeiture of game. Only the starting pitcher may re-enter as a pitcher, if and only if he has not reached his 9 out game limit. He may only re-enter as a pitcher, if he has never been substituted for during the game.
- 2) Games are 6 innings or **1 hour 40 min.** long whichever ever comes first. No new inning will start after **1 hour 40 min.** In case of tie (after 6 innings or time has expired), a modified “California Tie-Breaker” will be employed to determine the winner. **CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS** will be 6 innings or 1 hour 40 min time limit whichever comes first, in case of tie the modified “California Tie-Breaker” will be employed to determine the winner. **WINNERS BRACKET CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS** will be 6 innings, or until a winner is declared with **NO TIME LIMIT.** The “Mercy” rule does apply to the Championship game. If **ANY** game is stopped because of weather or darkness it will be considered complete after (4) innings or if home team is ahead at end of 3 1/2 innings.
- 3) For U13 and U14 there is **no continuous batting order** and an extra hitter (EH) may be used. Any lower age group team, not using the continuous batting order, may also use the extra hitter (EH). The EH player may enter as a defensive player. There is no “Designated Hitter” allowed in this tournament. Re-entry of a starter is allowed, in their original batting order position. Substitutes cannot re-enter the game if taken out unless there is an injury.
- 4) Pitchers get a maximum 5 warm up pitches between innings, or after a pitching change. Ball must be returned directly to pitcher following an out. **Outfield players may use a warm up ball in the first inning only.** After the first inning, no warm up balls in the outfield at any time. Infielders may use a warm up ball between innings.
- 5) A “Mercy” rules will be employed for **all games**: A) 15 run rule applies after 3 innings. B) 10 run rule applies after 4 innings. In all cases, if the home team is trailing, they will get their last at bat, regardless of score or time.
- 6) **Equipment:**
  - A) No metal spikes are allowed in the 10, 11, 12 or 13 yr old divisions. Metal Spikes will be allowed in the 14 year old division only.
  - B) Only **Youth league and Senior league bats** with a maximum barrel diameter of 2 5/8 or less **will** be legal. Any Adult league bat, defined as any bat with a -3 Weight to Length differential, we will follow the NFHS guidelines. These bats must either have a BBCOR logo imprinted on it or be on the NFHS approved list.
  - C) Players **must** be properly equipped with the **catcher having a throat protector.** Each team will be responsible for themselves to insure this is achieved.
- 7) **NO MALICIOUS CONTACT ON PLAY AT PLATE or any base!!** It is umpire’s decision if a player did not make sufficient effort to avoid contact, they will be called out. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the contact was intentional and malicious that player may be ejected from that game.
- 8) Home team will be decided by coin flip. **HOME TEAM IS OFFICIAL SCORER.**
- 9) Helmets **must** be worn by any offensive player on playing field for any reason.
- 10) A courtesy runner for the catcher and the pitcher at any time, but the use of the courtesy runner for the catcher is mandatory with two (2) outs. **The courtesy runner can be any bench player or the player who has made the last batted out.** If the player used as a courtesy runner is on base at the time their batting position comes to the plate, they will be immediately called out.
- 11) For the fields that have the orange safe bag at first base. Both bags will be considered as one for both the runners and the fielders.
- 12) Once the batter has entered the Batter’s Box, he should remain in the box throughout his at bat. He is to take his signals from the coach with only one foot out of the box. Once warned by the umpire, repeated offenses may result in a strike being called.