



SOUTH RIVERDALE LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES PEE WEE DIVISION 2021

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PEE WEE DIVISION

A. GENERAL RULES

- a. The official rules of Little League Baseball shall apply to all Pee Wee Division games except as provided for herein.
- b. Teams shall assemble at 2nd Base on Seton 1 on Saturdays. We will start PROMTPLY at 8:30 am.
- c. Commissioner/Coach will provide Group instruction until 8:45am
- d. Teams shall practice until 9:10am.
- e. Games shall commence at 9:15 am.
- f. No new inning shall commence after 10:00 am.
- g. Games shall end at 10:30 am.
- h. Only reduced injury factor balls may be used in Pee Wee League games and practices.
- i. Distance between bases should be 50 feet.

B. COACHES

- a. The Board of Directors must approve all coaches on an annual basis.
- b. Coaches, and members who do not participate in mandatory meetings and league functions shall be subject to change in status by the Board of Directors.
- c. All coaches must execute the Coaches Code of Conduct Agreement before participating in any league activities.

C. RAIN OUTS AND RAIN DELAYS

- a. No game may be played if there is thunder and/or lightning.
- b. If a game is stopped or delayed because of thunder and/or lightning the coaches shall wait thirty (30) minutes from the last occurrence before resuming play.
- c. Prior to the start of any game, the decision to cancel the scheduled game due to inclement weather is the decision of either a member of the Board of Directors, Commissioner of the division, or the Chief Umpire.
- d. After the commencement of any game, the decision to stop play due to inclement weather is the sole decision of the coaches.
- e. The decision to recommence play after a rain delay will be the sole decision of the coaches.
- f. No rain delay shall exceed forty- five (45) minutes. After forty- five (45) minutes the game shall be cancelled.

- g. A game may be cancelled, delayed or stopped any time that a member of the Board of Directors, Commissioner of the division, or the Chief Umpire declares the field unplayable.

D. UNIFORMS

- a. Players may not wear metal cleats.
- b. Players may not play with a cast.
- c. A player may not wear jewelry of any kind including rubber bracelets and watches. A medical alert bracelet is not considered jewelry.
- d. A player must be in full uniform to be eligible to play. The uniform includes a proper jersey and cap. The rule may be waived for good cause or by agreement of both teams.

E. BATTING

- a. Only Little League approved bats may be used at games or practices.
- b. Each team shall employ a "bat around" batting order consisting of the names of all players present at the start of the game.
- c. A player who arrives after the game starts is to be added at the bottom of the order.
- d. Each half inning is complete after all of the batters from that team have come to the plate.
- e. There is no on deck circle. The next batter should stand at the end of the dugout with a protective helmet on.
- f. Players must not have a bat in their hands while in the dugout.
- g. All batters must wear a protective helmet with a facemask.
- h. Bunting is not permitted in the Pee Wee League.
- i. If a player throws a bat the coaches should declare a dead ball and explain to the player the proper way to drop a bat. The player should then resume his or her time at bat.
- j. If a batter steps on home plate while swinging at a pitched ball the coaches shall declare no pitch and explain to the player not to step on home plate while swinging. The player should then resume his or her time at bat.
- k. A batter shall be allowed six (6) swings (at good pitches as determined by the Coach). After six (6) swings the batter is out if the ball is not put into play.
- l. A batter is out, and must take a seat on the bench, if the opposing team makes a defensive play by catching the fly ball, or by put out - either by force or by tag.
- m. On any close calls on a play at a base, the base runner is awarded the base.

F. BASERUNNING

- a. All base runners must wear a protective helmet at all times
- b. Two adult base coaches may be utilized in Pee Wee Division games.
- c. The advance of bases on other than a fair ball is not permitted in the Pee Wee Division.
- d. During a live play with the ball batted into fair territory, the base runners may advance as many bases as practically possible.
- e. Only one base shall be awarded for any ball thrown off the field of play by a defensive player.
- f. Leading before a pitch crosses the plate is not permitted in Pee Wee Division games.
- g. Stealing is not permitted in Pee Wee Division games.
- h. Tagging up is not permitted in Pee Wee Division games.
- i. Headfirst sliding is not permitted.
- j. The infield fly rule is not in play in Pee Wee Division games.
- k. A base runner is out, and must take a seat on the bench, if the opposing team makes a defensive play and the base runner is put out either by force or by tag.
- l. On any close calls on a play at a base, the base runner is awarded the base.

G. PITCHING

- a. Coaches shall pitch to their own teams.
- b. A coach should not field a ball put into play by the batter.
- c. The team at bat will supply an adult catcher. The adult catcher may not participate in any defensive play. Adult catchers are only to catch pitches and return the ball to the pitcher.

H. DEFENSIVE PLAYING TIME

- a. In the Pee Wee Division, all players shall play the field no matter how many players the opposing team is able to field.
- b. A player may not occupy the same position for more than one (1) consecutive inning.
- c. Only five (5) defensive players may occupy the infield
- d. Two (2) coaches are permitted on the field while their team is playing defense to instruct their players. Coaches should not interfere with the play.

I. GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

- a. Each team is responsible for cleaning its own dugout area after each game.
- b. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at games or practices.
- c. No smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted on the field or in the dugout.
- d. No food is allowed on the field or in the dugout. Only water or “sports drinks” are allowed in the dugout.
- e. Profanity or verbal abuse including but not limited to taunting of opposing players or coaches will result in the removal of the offending player or coach.
- f. No player or coach shall throw any equipment.
- g. If a member feels that disciplinary action is necessary towards any member the complaining member shall submit in writing (or e mail) to the appropriate Commissioner, the actions, events or conditions leading to the need for action. A meeting with the Board of Directors of the South Riverdale Little League will be convened within forty- eight (48) hours to determine the appropriate action.

J. STANDINGS AND PLAYOFFS

- a. Score is not kept in Pee Wee Division games
- b. No standings are kept in the Pee Wee Division.
- c. There are no playoffs in the Pee Wee Division.

COVID-19 ADDENDUM FOR SPRING 2021

SRLL reserves the right to cancel/reschedule games/practices as needed due to COVID.

1. Social Distancing — We ask that family members of each player try and limit attendees for games or practices to two (2) spectators. We will require that masks are worn at all times by those attendees. The Board will work on a schedule to allow adequate time between games, so the players of the first game are able to leave the field before the players of a second game come on. Games will not be scheduled back-to-back as they are under normal circumstances. This schedule will continue to be reviewed and adjusted as necessary.

2. Rules on the Field — No parents in the dugout or on the field. Dugouts will be marked off to facilitate distancing and players will be required to stay apart from one another. Players must wear masks while in the dugout or coaching a base. Mask must be worn whenever a player is not on the field or at bat. No sharing of water bottles or food. No handshaking. No High-fives. No chest bumps. No personal bags on the ground inside the dugout. Baseball bags can be hung behind a player's spot. Players should have their own bat, helmet, glove, batting gloves, and catcher's equipment (if they are a catcher). No equipment sharing. No sunflower seeds, gum, or candy in the dugout or on the field. No spitting. Hand Sanitizer will be available in the dugout. Coaches and players should use it throughout the game. DESIGNATED EXTENDED DUGOUT AREAS ARE CONSIDERED DEAD BALL TERRITORY. If a ball is thrown into these areas, the play shall be declared a dead ball. All runners shall advance one base.

3. Coaches — Coaches must agree that they will be transparent, and forthcoming should they or a member of their family contract the COVID-19 virus, or if they had it and completed the 14-day quarantine period. Coaches must communicate with their commissioner, who will work with the executive board on guidance for possible cancellations or adjustments to schedules. SRLL will require that if they did contract COVID-19, they get a doctor's clearance stating they are Covid-recovered.

4 No post game handshakes — Players will instead line up on either baseline and tip their caps to acknowledge a game well-played. SRLL will remind parents, players and coaches to limit hand-to-hand interaction as much as possible.

5. Face Masks/ Coverings — As per Governor Cuomo executive order, any person not wearing a mask/facial covering will be denied access to the field. All players, spectators, Board members, coaches and umpires will wear masks/ face cover at all times when unable to social distance, with exceptions made for certain coaching actions (e.g. throwing batting practice, demonstrating a drill or movement, speaking to a group of players at a distance, etc.). Any parent or player not following these guidelines will be asked to leave and their child removed from the game. No face coverings can be shared.

6. Displaying symptoms or Confirmed infection — if your child is displaying symptoms, SRLL asks that they stay away from the team until either 10 days have passed, and their symptoms have cleared up, or your medical professional has confirmed the symptoms are unrelated to Covid-19. Parent / Household Member — if someone in your household is displaying symptoms, we ask that you do not have the child or the adult attend team events until either; the child has had no symptoms for 10 days, the adult has had no symptoms for 10 days, or your medical provider has confirmed you do not have the illness.

7. Communication — Coaches need to be informed if a player or a parent/household member is displaying symptoms or confirmed infection. We understand a family's need for privacy regarding their health. However, due to the risks posed by the transmission of this illness, SRLL will inform teams involved with that player or a parent/household member of potential exposure. We will not share the name, or personal information, but simply inform the team and parents of the situation so they can monitor their own symptoms.