**MCGSL PeeWee League Local Rules 1/1/2024**

1. As noted in the General League Rules, the PeeWee League will abide by USA rules unless the following local rules supersede it.
2. Games will be 6 innings or 1 hour (60 minutes) long. Each one half inning shall consist of no more than 5 runs or 3 outs. Umpires will start and keep the timer. The timer will not begin until first pitch.
	1. In case of rain, darkness, or any other act of God, the game is called official if 4 complete innings have been played or 45 minutes have elapsed. If either condition has been met, the game will be considered official and it will not be rescheduled.
	2. If the game is called before being official by the previous rule, the game will be rescheduled. At the time the rescheduled game is played, it will be picked up at the same score, inning and time left on the timer. Game details will be recorded by the field supervisor.
	3. Reschedule dates will be determined by the MCGSL board and are not subject for negotiation.
3. The pitcher’s arc will be 20 feet from the back of home plate extending in an arc from the 1st base line to the 3rd base line. Pitching Coaches must pitch the ball from behind this line (ball must be released with both feet behind the line).
4. Ten (10) players will play on the field. Positions will include each of the classic fielding positions plus the additional 10th player (commonly as a second pitcher with one on each side of the coach pitcher). All players (except the catcher) must stay at least 25 ft from home plate until the ball is hit. There will be hash marks placed on the baselines for a distance reference. *(This is an educational league, be sure to* ***emphasize the true positions****)*
5. One (1) coach from the defensive team will be allowed on the field throughout regular season play. No defensive coach will be allowed on the field during the tournament.
6. The batting order shall be continuous consisting of all players. If a player is absent at the time of their at bat, they shall be skipped in the batting order without penalty.
7. Batting rules in this league are as follows:
	1. Only swinging strikes will be called.
	2. There will be no walks.
	3. Once a player has three strikes, the tee will be brought out.
	4. A maximum of 7 pitches will be allowed per batter unless the 7th pitch is a foul ball. If the 7th pitch or subsequent pitches are foul balls, pitches will continue to that batter until they either put the ball into play or do not make contact with the next pitch. If they do not make contact, the tee will be brought out.
	5. When the tee is brought out, the batter will have one swing to put the ball into play. The ball must be put in play as a result of contact directly with the bat in order to be considered a hit ball. This will be at the discretion of the umpire. If the umpire determines that only the tee is hit, the batter is called out. Players are allowed another swing if the ball is hit foul.
	6. Use of the tee will be discontinued for the final 2 weeks of the regular season (official date will be determined by the MCGSL board each year) and for the tournament. Batters will either hit the ball into play or be called out with three swinging strikes. 7 pitch maximum still applies.
8. A player can advance a MAXIMUM of two (2) bases per offensive play either as a batter or a base runner.
9. A maximum of one extra base will be allowed for overthrows to second, third or home plate. Base runners cannot advance on overthrows to first base. Max base rules apply. No more than 2 bases per player per at bat, total.
10. Stealing and intentional bunting are not allowed.
11. The infield fly rule will NOT apply in PeeWee League.
12. Base runners CANNOT leave the base until the batter has made contact with the ball or the runner will be called out.
13. Sliding will not be encouraged in PeeWee.
14. Play will be stopped after the first defensive play is attempted and the ball is thrown TOWARDS the pitcher. Any runner less than halfway to the next base at this point will be returned by the umpire to the last base touched.
15. If a game is tied at the end of an official game, the results of the game will be registered as a tie. No tie-breaker will be utilized in PeeWee League. In the case of a tournament game, the International Tie-Breaker rule will be followed in order to determine a winner.