

Washington County League 2025 Pee Wee Rules

Washington League & Belleville League makes up Pee Wee District 4.

League Recorder/Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Kern

1. If any issue arises requiring a vote, each team shall have one vote.
2. To be eligible for Pee Wee Baseball, a player must be 10, 11 or 12 years of age and not have reached his or her 13th birthday prior to January 1st of the current year. All players must have an address of the town that they play for. Should their school district and address be different they may play for the team in their school district provided there is no team at their address. Any exception to this rule shall be presented at the Annual League meeting and approved by vote of League members. (Example would be a player being allowed to play for the town where he attends school, even if the school is outside his district.) Coaches are strongly encouraged to allow this.
3. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship of the team.
4. The team managers will agree on game times. Approximate game time is 8:30 p.m. Games immediately follow boys coach pitch.
5. Pitching distance is to be 50 feet (per state association rules in 2024) Bases are to be 70 feet apart. From the center of second base to home base is to be 99 feet.
6. Standard size home plate and pitcher's box will be used. Pitcher must stay inside the rubber when pitching, straight forward and straight back. Rubber is two feet.
7. If less than nine players are used after the contest has started, the open spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.
8. Games will be five innings. Three innings will be considered a game, in case of rain or any act of God. Scores will revert back to the last full inning after three have been played. In all games, except championship games, the 10-run rule is to be applied after three full innings and thereafter. A decision must be made within 30 minutes by the head umpire in case of an act of God whether the game is to continue or not.
9. Equipment: No steel spikes or metal-tip cleats will be allowed in any league or tournament game. All batters and base runners must use batter's helmets. Helmets must be the kind that protects the ears, temples and top of head. Caps or helmets must be worn at all times while playing a game. Shirrtails must be kept in while playing a game. The State Pee Wee Association must approve all balls. The catcher shall wear a mask with an attached throat protector and protective helmet. Hockey style mask with extension is okay. These shall be worn during warm-up.
10. Re-Entry: Any of the players may be withdrawn and re-entered once during a game, provided that players occupy the same batting position whenever in the lineup. The original player and the substitute(s) cannot be in the lineup at the same time.
11. Injury Re-entry Rule: In case of an injury if no substitute is left on the bench, a replaced player may again enter the game for the injured player.
12. The pitcher will be allowed a maximum of 85 pitches per game and 100 pitches per week during the regular season, considering a week is Sunday through Saturday. If the pitcher reaches the maximum while facing a batter, the pitcher is allowed to finish pitching to that hitter.

For tournament play, the pitcher is allowed 1-20 pitches each day with 0 days rest in between. If the pitcher between 21-35 pitches, it will be required for the pitcher to have 1 day of rest before the next eligible day to pitch. If the pitcher pitches 36-50 pitches, they must rest 2 days. If the pitcher pitches 51-65 pitches, the pitcher must rest 3 days and if the pitcher pitches over 66, they must rest 4 days before they can pitch again. The maximum allowed pitches in any one game will still be 85. Thus,

playing on Monday, then playing on Thursday will be considered two (2) day's rest. Contesting the pitcher must take place during the game in which the maximum is reached. The pitch count recorded in the (HOME) scorebook will be considered the official scorebook if an official scorebook is not being kept separately.

13. The second charged conference in an inning shall result in the removal of the pitcher from the pitching position only, not removal from the game. If the pitcher starts pitching to a batter, he must finish pitching to that batter.
14. Slide Rule: A runner coming toward any base or home must slide if a play can be made on him. Rules concerning obstruction are covered in the official baseball rulebook. It is the umpire's judgment as to whether a play is being made on the runner.
15. Use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field is prohibited. Any violation of the rule causes the individual to be removed from the game. For the purpose of this rule dugouts, player bench and bullpens will be considered part of the playing field.
16. Lead Off Rule: No lead off until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. PENALTY: the runner is out and the ball is dead. There is no pitch and no runners may advance.
17. Pitchers must use a legal pitching motion. The full wind up of the stretch pitching position. PENALTY: for illegal pitch is called ball on the batter. Balks are no longer possible.
18. The approved official baseball rulebook will apply if there is no Pee Wee rule covering the play or situation.
19. Following each game, coaches must compare innings pitched by pitchers by each team and the final score of the game. Both coaches must sign scorebook. The home team coach must call and report the information for both teams to the official league recorder,
20. League Tournament is a double elimination tournament. District and State Tournaments are single elimination.
21. During the League Tournament, official umpires must be used behind home plate.
22. League Tournament rotation is as follows: Washington 2025, Hanover 2026, Linn 2027, Valley Heights 2028. If the team on the list wishes to pass their turn, the next team would have the tournament. This procedure would be repeated until a host is found. Once you pass, you must wait until your turn comes around again.
26. 2025 Tournament Schedule: League Tournament Washington; District Tournament -XXXXXX; State Tournament -XXXXXX.
27. It is the responsibility of each coach to send a completed Pee Wee registration form to Pee Wee Association State Commissioner Troy Newman, 516 Jade Rd, Courtland, Ks, 66939, or newmanc@marykay.com. 785-336-1388 by June 1st. A copy of the roster must also be sent to League Recorder Ryan Kern. A copy of the roster must also be sent to Caroline Scoville, wsems@washingtonks.net, 785-325-2284 or 785-822-4591.
28. Any Player seeking to transfer from one league team to another, that is not in the same town, with reasons not covered in State Association Rule #3, must be approved by a majority of the Washington County Pee Wee League Coaches before it is forwarded to the State Association for approval. Any player receiving permission to transfer to a new team must remain with that team until his eligibility is exhausted or that team can no longer field a team.

The Spring Pee Wee meeting is the first Sunday in April unless it falls on Easter and then it is the second Sunday in April at 4:00 p.m. in Courtland at Courtland City Hall. It is important for at least one coach from each team to attend. One coach from each team represents one vote when deciding on district and state tournament locations and rules and regulations.