

PEEWEE SOFTBALL RULES

(4th – 5th Grade)

FIELD AND GAME RULES

1. Base length shall be 60 feet. 12” yellow softball.
2. Pitching distance shall be 35 feet (measured from the front of the pitching rubber to the rear point of home plate).
3. Teams shall pitch following Iowa high school rules.
4. Games shall be 1 hour and 15 minutes or 5 innings - if the inning has been started prior to the time limit you must finish that inning.
5. Catchers must wear mask and protective equipment at all times
6. Batting helmets are required.
7. Five runs or 3 outs per inning.
8. Infield fly rule will be enforced.
9. Unlimited substitution is allowed.
10. Stealing: Runners may leave the base when the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand– NO STEALING HOME.
11. “Chattering” at the opposing team is not allowed: this includes catchers talking to batters.
12. Teams may only play 9 players on the field at a time.
13. No metal cleats allowed.
14. If a defensive player has any opportunity to make a play, the runner has to attempt to slide! If they do not slide, they will be called out.
15. Time is called by the umpire only when the ball is in the eight foot circle – any other time play is live and runners may advance at their own risk. If a runner has left the base before the ball gets to the circle they may continue, however if they stop forward progress they must go back to the previous base.
16. Dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect... If the catcher drops the third strike the batter CAN run to first base if it is not occupied and/or there are 2 outs. If 1st base is occupied and there are less than two outs, the batter is automatically out.

ALL GAMES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UNION, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. RULE BOOKS MAY BE PURCHASED BY CALLING: GIRL’S ATHLETIC UNION @ (515) 288-9741 OR BY MAIL: GIRL’S ATHLETIC UNION P.O. BOX 10348 DES MOINES, IA 50306