

## LACONIA LITTLE LEAGUE – PEE WEE RULES

EFFECTIVE WITH 2022 SEASON

1. The first game starts at **6:00 p.m.** sharp.
2. **A game will be 6 complete innings or once the time limit is reached. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes has elapsed since the start of the game. 6:00 pm as shown on a cell phone will be the start time, unless an exception to 6:00pm is made and agreed upon between coaches with the umpire due to a delayed or expedited start. Game is over after 6 innings regardless of score.**
3. Only USA approved bats will be used. LLL will provide bats and balls. Bats are subject to inspection. Home team provides game ball.
4. Metal cleats are prohibited. Shoes can have rubber cleats.
5. Batters and runners must wear helmets.
6. All players must wear team shirts and are encouraged to wear long pants or baseball pants.
7. Free substitution. Each player must play a minimum of 3 innings defensively. 10 defensive players on the field at one time. Everyone bats.
8. **At least one female player at an infield position at all times (not including catcher).**
9. No stealing and no infield fly rule.
10. A team's at bat is over when 3 outs are made or the 5 run rule applies.  
**THE 5 RUN RULE:** The inning is over after 5 runs have been scored, but note that the play on which the 5<sup>th</sup> run scores should continue until the play is over. All runs scored within that play will count, including any runs scored after the 5<sup>th</sup> run scores. The 5 run rule applies to the final inning as well.
11. **Coach or assistant coach will operate the pitching machine, and pitch to their own team. Pitching machines provided by the league will be used for all players. The visiting team will provide the pitching machine for the game, and should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the game, and dial the pitching machine in prior to the start of the game. Pitching machines all should be set to the 4, 3, 2, setting (A,B,C on top of pitching machine). The same pitching machine will be used for both teams throughout the game.** Pee Wees are allowed 3 swinging strikes before being called out. The third strike must be a swinging strike, not a foul tip. No walks allowed. Each batter gets a **total of 10 pitches** before being called out.
12. A Reduced Injury Factor ball will be used for all games.
13. Runners may not advance to another base in the event of an overthrow.
14. On a ball hit to the outfield, runners can advance until the ball is controlled. If a runner is on their way to a base, they may continue to that base. A play still can be made on that runner.
15. Runners may leave the base when the ball crosses home plate.
16. Throwing a bat is not allowed. First violation results in a warning, after that the batter is called out.

- 17.** For safety concerns, the players on defense must start in a position behind an imaginary line which extends from the first base over the pitcher's mound to third base. After the ball is hit, the players can advance to complete the play
- 18.** No blocking of home plate is allowed unless the catcher is making a play on the runner. The penalty for sitting on or blocking the plate will be: First offense a warning and the second offense results in the catcher being removed from the catcher's position for the rest of the game.
- 19.** Runners may not intentionally run into fielders covering a base. This will result in a dead ball and automatic out.
- 20.** Two defensive coaches allowed on the field and one defensive coach allowed behind the catcher during an inning.
- 21.** Only 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> base offensive coaches allowed.
- 22.** With 2 outs, the player who made the last out can act as a courtesy runner for the next inning's catcher.
- 23.** Defense Clarification- 10 players in the field. There will be 4 outfielders, spaced evenly in the field- left, left center, right center, and right. All players will play at a proper and similar depth; no short fielders which serve as an extra deep infielder are allowed. Outfielders shall remain on the grass, unless running up in to field a hit ball.
- 24.** Bringing up players for tournament and league games- when a team knows that it will not have the required number of players to field a team during tournament play, they may bring up players from a younger division level prior to the game start time. They must play outfield at bat at the bottom of the lineup. The opposing coach and league president must be notified prior to the start of the game.
- 25.** If lightening is seen, game is suspended for a half hour per coach's discretion. This follows WIAA policy. If lightening is seen again, then the half hour time frame starts over. Coaches can elect to reschedule a game instead of waiting for the half hour mandate.