

## **Twin Rivers – Peewee – Official Rules – 2026 Season**

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### **1. Game Structure**

1. Each inning ends after five runs or three outs. There are no open innings.
2. Games are scheduled for 1 hour. No new inning may begin after 45 minutes from the official start time.
3. Each team must roster at least 9 players at the start of the season. A team must have at least 7 players to start and play a game. Teams are encouraged to call up Tee-ball players as needed.
4. Teams will not take automatic outs if batting with fewer than 9 players.

### **2. Player Eligibility**

1. Players must not be older than 2nd grade or older than 9 years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Older players must move up to Minors.
2. Non-reserve players must attend at least 50% of regular-season games to qualify for postseason play.

### **3. Equipment**

#### **Balls**

- 11" softballs for softball
- Standard baseballs for baseball

#### **Bats**

Peewee players must use 2.25-inch barrel bats only. Big-barrel bats are not allowed.

First offense: Team warning, play nullified, batter re-hits with a legal bat

Second offense: Automatic out for the batter

#### **4. Batting & Pitching Rules**

1. Batters cannot walk.
2. Each batter receives a maximum of 10 pitches. Failing to put the 10th pitch in play results in an out.
3. A batter is out after three swings if the final swing misses. There are no called strikes.
4. Coaches must pitch from 20 feet or more.
  - a) Boys: overhand only
  - b) Girls: overhand or underhand
5. If the coach-pitcher interferes with a batted ball:
  - a) Ball is dead, runners return to their previous base
  - b) Batter re-hits
  - c) Pitch does not count

#### **5. Base Running**

1. Base runners may not lead off or attempt to steal a base
  - a) A base runner may leave the base only after the ball has been put into play by the batter
  - b) Penalties:
    - a. The first team offense will result in a warning, and the pitch or play will not be counted
    - b. Any subsequent team offense will result in the base runner(s) who left the base early being declared out
2. No advancing on overthrows unless the runner is more than halfway to the next base.
  - a) A thrown ball is considered an overthrow once it passes the intended fielder and can no longer be fielded by that player
3. When the ball is returned to the pitcher, runners not more than halfway to the next base must return to their previous base.

#### **6. Fielding & Defensive Alignment**

1. All players participate defensively each inning.
2. Max of 6 players in traditional infield positions.
3. Other players must play in the outfield grass or at least 15 feet behind the bases.

#### **7. Game Administration**

1. One adult umpire at home plate tracks outs and judges halfway advancement.
2. Saturday rainouts will be moved to Sunday. Sunday games may be shortened. If Sunday also rains out, a makeup day will be scheduled.