

PEANUT LEAGUE/GAME RULES

1. TIME LIMIT: One hour and 5 minutes (1:05) or six (6) innings whichever comes first. In the event of a tie, one extra inning will be played. If game is still tied, it will end in a tie.
2. BATTING ORDER: All team members will bat round robin. Must have nine (9) players to start and play a game. Teams can play shorthanded with 9 players but are encouraged to use our pick up player rule (pick up from younger division – see bylaws). Any time you drop below 10 players in your batting order, the 10th spot is an out. If you start with 11 or more players and a player must leave for any reason, there is no penalty unless you drop below 10 players. If you drop below 10 players, an out is recorded in the 10th/vacated spot. Teams cannot play with less than 9 players.
3. DEFENSE: Will consist of nine (9) regular fielding positions and one (1) additional rover in the outfield. A second pitcher may not be used on the infield. The pitcher will be placed to the side of the machine, within four (4) feet of and behind the forward most point of the machine. The pitcher may not be beyond the forward most point of the machine before the ball is put in play. Penalty: If the ball is not hit the umpire shall declare “no pitch”. If the ball is hit the offensive coach may choose between the play and “no pitch”.
4. RUNS PER INNING: A maximum of six (6) runs per inning per team.
5. CONTACT RULE: Babe Ruth rule: 6.05 (m) shall apply. No malicious contact allowed.
6. DEAD BALL: Time will be called by the umpire when no runner is advancing. The ball becomes dead when a batted ball hits the pitching machine or the individual feeding the machine. The batter will be awarded first base. No runners may advance unless forced. Any thrown ball which hits the machine remains alive and in play. The ball becomes live when it leaves the pitching machine.
7. PITCHING MACHINE: The Louisville Slugger Ultimate Pitching Machine speed will be set on 9 and 4 (the 4 may have to be adjusted if the field has a mound) to achieve an approximate speed of 40 MPH. If a newer model Louisville Slugger machine is used, those settings may be different and determined commissioner or league representative. The rear of the machine will be placed 46 feet from home plate. The pitching coach may adjust the “screw” or make slight adjustments in or out at any time. The umpires may allow significant adjustment of the machine at the beginning of any inning to maintain consistency. The machine may be adjusted during an inning with the consent of both coaches or if deemed necessary by the umpire. The machine will be operated by the coaches. Pitching coach may not coach in any way once ball is released.
8. RUNNER LEAVING EARLY: If, in umpire’s judgement, a runner leaves before ball crosses plate, a delayed dead ball is called. The runner is at liability of being put out. First offense: the team will be given a warning and the defensive team may take the result of the pitch/play or may return runner to base he left and a no pitch will be declared. Second and subsequent offense: the defensive team can take result of pitch/play or can allow runner to be called out and no pitch declared.
9. THE CATCHER: Must wear a facemask, helmet, mitt, chest protector, shin guards, and a protective supporter with cup.
10. INFIELD FLY: Will not be in effect.
11. BUNTING: Will not be allowed. There is also a no “slash” bunt rule. This is defined as a fake bunt that is followed by an attempted swing. The penalty for violating this rule will be, the ball ruled dead, the batter will be out and no runners will advance.
12. STEALING: No stealing.
13. PITCHES: Batter will receive up to 5 pitches. Batter may strike out if he swings and fouls or misses two pitches and then misses a 3rd time or if he is on his 5th pitch and does not make contact with ball.. Batter may take up to 2 pitches that do not count as strikes. A player that fouls the 5th pitch may continue to receive pitches until he puts ball in play or misses the ball or takes last pitch. If the umpire declares a pitch to be “grossly” out of the strike zone, he may deem the pitch a “no pitch”, provided the batter does not swing at the pitch.
14. HIT BY PITCH: If the batter is by a pitch, he or she will not be awarded first base. It will be ruled as a no-pitch. If the batter cannot continue the at-bat, the next batter in the lineup will take their place and the count will start over.
15. OTHER: Refer to the Cal Ripken and/or DYB Bylaws