

2023 Girls Pee Wee Softball Rules - Machine Pitch to Player Pitch

***2024 coach pitch on walk to advance the game and play a ball in the field.**

1. Field Dimensions:

- a. Base Length is 60 feet (for Machine and Player Pitch)
- b. Pitching machine is placed 30 to 35 feet from home plate (extension cord will run between 3rd base and home plate)
- c. Pitching rubber is 35 feet (Player Pitch)

2. Equipment:

- a. **Footwear**-Tennis shoes or rubber/mold cleats only (NO METAL SPIKES)
- b. **Bats** - can have an unlimited weight differential and have the USA or ASA Stamp
- c. **Ball** - Preferred ball is the blue laced pitching machine ball
- d. **Protective Equipment:**
 - i. All batters and baserunners must wear a helmet w/ face mask.
 - ii. All catchers must wear proper protective equipment (Includes but not limited to catchers mask, chest protector, and shin guards.)
- e. **Pitching Machine:** Maximum speed of pitching machine is waist height of the average batter and should be agreed upon between the coaches before the game.

3. Umpires:

- a. **Machine Pitch**-Coaches will be the umpires. When your team is on defense a coach will be in the field to umpire (coach as needed) When your team is on offense a coach will be feeding the machine.
- b. **Player Pitch**-Host community provides an umpire.
 - i. Umpires are hard to find. All spectators, coaches, and players are to refrain from any verbal abuse or attacks towards an umpire call. (All umpires make mistakes it is ok)

4. Spectators/Coaches/Players Behaviors:

- a. **At all times spectators, coaches, and players are expected to show good sportsmanship.**
 - i. Everyone will refrain from yelling at umpires, players, and coaches. We are all here to have fun and to learn more about the game of baseball and how to handle ourselves properly.
 - ii. If there are issues with a coach, player, or spectator the hosting community can and is encouraged to have that player, coach, or spectator removed from the area.

5. General/Game Play Rules:

- a. **Game Start:** Game start times will range from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Teams should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to game start time (First pitch is the game start time not warm up time)

- b. **Game Length:** Games will be 5 innings or an 1hr and 30 minute time limit (no new inning can start after 1hr and 30 minutes)
- c. **An Inning is 3 outs or 5 runs in the inning (whichever comes first)**
 - i. Last inning is unlimited runs
- d. **At Bats:**
 - i. **Pitching Machine-**Each Batter will receive 5 good pitches per at bat from the pitching machine. If the ball is not put in play or fouled off on the 5th pitch the batter is out.
 - 1. A player striking out does not count as an out for the inning.
 - ii. **Player Pitch-**Standard at bat rules apply. 3 strikes, 4 balls, or ball in play.
 - iii. **NO BUNTING-**The kids are here to hit
- e. **Game Balls:**
 - i. **Pitching Machine Games:** Home team supplies bucket of balls to stay on the pitching machine
 - ii. **Player Pitch:** Each team will supply 1 game ball each to start the game. (take turns replacing game balls as needed)
- f. **Courtesy runners:** are allowed (last player to get out will be the courtesy runner)
- g. **Adults in the dugout:** No more than 4 adults in the dugout during the game
- h. **Continuous Batting-** All players on your roster at the game will bat.
- i. **Free Substitution-**All players should play the field equally and all kids should experience every position at least once in the season but hopefully more than once
 - i. Players may not play the same defensive position more than 2 consecutive innings
- j. **Players in the field-**there will be 10 players in the field (4 Outfielders)
- k. **Baserunners-**Runners may leave the base when the ball crosses home plate.
 - i. **Passed Balls:** Runners will not advance on any passed ball
 - 1. Batters are always out on a dropped 3rd strike
 - ii. **Overthrows:** If a player over throws a ball in play the runners may advance 1 base
 - iii. Once the pitcher has the ball all runners must stay at the base they are on/stop at the base they were running to before the pitcher had the ball.
- l. **Ball Hitting Pitching Machine:** If the ball hits the pitching machine and stays in fair territory then the ball is playable. If the ball hits the pitching machine and goes foul the ball is foul.
- m. **Keep bats and helmets behind fences and out of the playing area**
- n. **Clean up your dugouts after the game to help out the host community**