

Hilmar Stevinson Youth Baseball
7 and 8 years old Hybrid Peanuts

ALL RULES ARE FROM THE CURRENT NFHS RULE BOOK, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS AND IN ADDITION TO ALL DIVISIONS LEAGUE RULES.

1. Age limit for the division is: Players must not exceed the age 8 years old as of May 1st.
2. Only USA stamped bats are allowed.
3. A nine foot circle will surround the pitcher's mound. If a second mound is present at forty feet the circle will be centered around both mounds.
4. Pitching distance shall be forty feet. Base length is sixty feet.
5. Game time is ninety minutes or six innings.
6. Each team may field ten defensive players. The tenth player must be in the outfield position in an equal distance alignment with the other three outfielders. Outfielders must be a minimum of fifteen feet behind the baseline.
7. All players must be on the batting roster the entire game and play at least six defensive outs. If a player leaves the game early or is unable to take his at-bat, an OUT will be recorded every time their spot comes up in the batting order.
8. The first two full innings of the game will be hybrid rules. (One pitcher per inning, per team) After two full innings the coach will then begin pitching.
9. During the hybrid innings the pitcher will pitch to each batter until four balls are recorded, at which time a coach from the batting team will come in and assume the current count. All coach pitched balls will be considered a strike unless the pitch is fouled off. A total of seven pitches.
10. If a batter is hit by a player pitcher, the batter may take his base. If a coach hits his own batter, the batter does not take his base but will continue his at bat.
11. If a player pitcher hits two batters they must be removed. The pitcher may return in the next inning.
12. In innings three through six once coach resumes pitching. Batter will get a maximum of seven pitches. Three strikes are an out. Foul tips keep the batter alive.
13. No drop three.
14. The coach or the assistant coach (18 years or older) will pitch to his own team. Pitching **MUST** be overhand **NO** underhand throws and from a **standing position** in the pitcher circle. The pitching coach **MUST** have one foot inside the pitching circle upon release of the ball.
15. The coach who is pitching must avoid interfering with the ball or fielders. If the coach is hit by a batted ball, as with an umpire or regular pitcher, the ball is considered a LIVE ball and play continues.
16. When the coach is pitching, the youth pitcher must line up even with or behind the coach and must be in the pitchers circle.
17. Bunting is allowed, no walks
18. **Absolutely NO COACHING will be allowed from the pitching circle. First time the umpire will give a warning, the second time will result in an interference call, in which the player on base or the player who batted the ball will be out.**
19. No infield fly rule.
20. Base Runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit. NO stealing. Sliding is only allowed to avoid collisions. No head first sliding or runner is out.
21. Play becomes dead when the youth pitcher has control of the ball with both feet inside the circle. Base runners in between bases when the play is called dead, have the right to continue to advance one base on a hit ball. If you are between bases on an extra base you must return to the

previous unoccupied base. All base runners advance at their own risk. Youth pitcher has the option to play or maintain possession of the ball that is batted into the circle.

22. There will be a minimum of one umpire for all Hybrid Peanut Games.

Amended 3/30/25