

CTBF Proposed Junior League Rules 2023/2024

PeeWees (Under 8)

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Pitch Count
18.25m	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 3 Meter foul ball circle to be marked and applied.
- Play format will be all 9 batters.
- Soft touch baseballs to be used.
- Infielders must stand on the outside of the diamond until the ball has been hit.
- Games will consist of 3 innings or 1 hour 15 minute time. No new inning will begin with 10 minutes remaining
- No Bunting off the Tee is allowed.
- Players fielding in the pitching position have wear a proper mask at all times while the ball is being batted (NB: He/she may not "hold" a mask in their hand)
- Flung Bats: If, in the judgement of the umpire, the player flings his/her bat, the coach will be spoken to as to ensure safety of all players and that he subsequently educates his players accordingly.

Under 10

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Duration	Pitch Count
18.28m	14m	53 - 63m	1hr30	N/A

- No new inning after 1 hr 15
- U10: Born 2014 and after
- 3m foul ball circle to be marked and applied.
- Under 10 play will consist of all 9 batters, 3 up 3 down - repeat. Batting lineup to continue with the next batter when the offensive team comes in to bat again.
- No Bunting off the Tee is allowed.
- Players fielding in the pitching position have wear a proper mask at all times while the ball is being batted (NB: He/she may not "hold" a mask in their hand)
- **The batter's stance in the batter's box is to be correct (coaches are not to position a child to hit in a certain direction). Batter to line up as if facing a pitched ball.**
- No fielding inside the diamond until the ball is batted.
- Hard ball is to be used for all games unless agreed between clubs that soft touch can be used. Any dispute between clubs the game will fall upon default rule and hard ball will be used.
- Coach pitch will come into effect as of 01 Jan 2024.
- Flung Bats: If, in the judgement of the umpire, the player flings his/her bat, the coach will be spoken to as to ensure safety of all players and that he subsequently educates his players accordingly.

Under 12

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Duration	Pitch Count
22.86m	15.54m	65-75m	1hr45	35

- No new inning after 1hr30
- U12: Born 2012 - 2013
- Pitch count to increase to 50 effective 01 Jan 2024
- The 5 run rule applies to this league (5th run ends the inning).
- Players may lead off, but only steal to 2nd base. Runners may advance to 3rd or home on a pass ball (
- Dropped 3rd strike applies in this league.
- No DH allowed.
- Pitch count per pitcher to be included on the line up sheet before the umpire signs.
- Flung Bats: If, in the judgement of the umpire, the player flings his/her bat, one warning will be given to that player and the coach will be asked to speak to all his/her players. From the second offence on, he/she will be called out. The ball will become dead immediately and all runners will return to the base they had occupied.

Under 15

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Duration	Pitch Count
27.43m	18.44m	75-90m	1hr45	45

- No new Inning after 1hr30
- U15: born 2011 - 2009
- Pitch count to increase to 60 effective 01 Jan 2024
- The 5 run rule applies to this league (5th run ends the inning).
- No DH allowed.
- Metal cleats are allowed in this league as per new SABU rule, following on to WBSC rule.
- Pitch count per pitcher to be included on the line up sheet before the umpire signs.
- In the event of a 1st year U15 player (12 yr old) pitching and after discussion with the opposition, said player may throw from 17m
- Flung Bats: If, in the judgement of the umpire, the player flings his/her bat, one warning will be given to that player and the coach will be asked to speak to all his/her players. From the second offence on, he/she will be called out. The ball will become dead immediately and all runners will return to the base they had occupied.

Under 18

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Duration	Pitch Count
27.43m	18.44m	84-97m	1hr50	50

- No new Inning after 1hr30
- U18: born 2006 – 2008
- Pitch to increase to 65 effective 01 Jan 2024
- The 5 run rule applies to this league (5th run ends the inning).
- DH is allowed.
- U18's are allowed to play in senior games.
- Pitch count per pitcher to be included on the line up sheet before the umpire signs.
- Flung Bats: If, in the judgement of the umpire, the player flings his/her bat, one warning will be given to that player and the coach will be asked to speak to all his/her players. From the second offence on, he/she will be called out. The ball will become dead immediately and all runners will return to the base they occupied.

General Rules:

Umpires:

- Home team to provide a plate umpire and visiting team a base umpire.

Overaged Players:

- Concession to be requested from CTBF. Players may only take the field if concession has been granted. Concessions to be declared before the game and proof thereof to be on hand. CTBF WIB overaged players can play in games for development purposes.

Pitching:

- No pitcher to pitch in more than 1 game per day (Jnr or Snr)
- No Catcher to catch in more than 1 game per day (Jnr or Snr)
- No Pitcher to Catch or Catcher to pitch in the same youth game.
- Rules regarding pitching must be adhered to as we are trying to develop arms. Clubs will be penalised and coaches will be liable to CTBF. (eg any coach reported to ctbf for over utilisation (ie / eg: Pitch count is 45 but player throws 50+) of a pitcher will be sanctioned

Pitch counts:

- Pitch counts to take place in all age groups. This will ensure that we manage the players' arms and to encourage development of new pitchers
- The process to be followed to protest pitch count is the opposing coach would have to call time and then approach the umpire. On agreement of the pitch count, the umpire will enforce the rule by informing the coach that the pitcher reached his/her count and may only finish the batter if already started at bat.

Team Returns:

- Official Team Returns are to be used for ALL junior games. One page for scorers, one for the opposition with the original remaining in the line-up book.
- The final result will be recorded in the book which the umpire MUST sign.
- No dispute will be entertained without a proper team return.
- ALL age groups to have a scorer who must submit pitch counts, per pitcher, on the line up sheet where the final result is recorded and signed by the umpire.

Additional rules:

- ALL clubs to produce junior playing cards, which must match their team return prior to the start of the game to the umpire.
- A side may take the field with a minimum of 7 players to constitute a legal game. Both the missing 8th & 9th players will count as an out in the batting order.
- If the game starts late, it MUST finish at the prescribed times regardless of the fact that it started late. This rule only becomes void should there be no later game.
- NO postponements will be considered
- Points are shared for all games affected by the weather. NO postponements of any junior fixture will be allowed.
- Any cancellation of junior games must be communicated, in writing, 24 hours prior to the fixture.