Pee Wee Classic Rules-2027 (May 29-30, 2027) Saturday and Sunday

At Little Cubs Field Wrigley Field Replica, Freeport, IL 61032

1) First day of play (Saturday) will be pool play, 3-4 games each team (depends on # of teams). Teams will be seeded for 2nd day of play (Sunday) with all teams having a chance to win the tourney. At least 2 games on 2nd day for all teams. Championship games played on Little Cubs Field if agreed upon by team coaches.

2) All teams will have a chance to have a game on Little Cubs Field

3) 5 inning games (possibly shorter on Saturday (or Sunday), dependent on weather, length of games), coach's pitch, 60 ft. bases, pitch from 35-40 ft., coach-pitcher can kneel to pitch. 9 players on defense at Little Cubs Field, 10 at larger fields, continuous batting order up to 13. Unless injured, all players must bat in each game in the continuous order, and should play at least 2 innings in the field. We will not monitor the playing time in the field,---that is on the honor system.

4) 5 runs max per inning except last inning which will be unlimited, unless game is not close (manager's decision). In other words, if you are ahead 24-2 in the top of the last inning, do not take more than 5 runs.

5) 5 pitches per batter, regardless of number of strikes—no tees. If 5th pitch is fouled, batter is still out. If last pitch is taken, batter is still out, etc. Let your batters know it is the last pitch, and they need to swing no matter what.

6) If batted ball hits coach-pitcher, it is dead ball and a do-over. The pitch does not count toward the 5 pitches.

7) No stealing, no leading off, no bunting, no infield fly rule.

8) Sliding at home encouraged if close play, not required.

9) One base on any ball thrown out of play

10) Ball hit off wall on fly, without touching player, at Little Cubs Field, is ground rule double. Ball bouncing over wall on large fields is ground rule double.

11) Best seeded is home team (that is, a # 1 seed would be home over #4 seed, etc). The home team has choice of what dugout they use, except for games at Little Cubs Field, where home teams should use the 3rd base (Cubs) dugout.

12) Awards for top 4 teams (top 3 in championship bracket and winner of consolation bracket)

13) Homerun derby Saturday night for coaches and players, spectators. Money paid out to winner will be ½ of total collected. $5 per person to enter. You cannot enter more than one time. Sign up times will be announced. Limited number of spots depending on time available.

14) **CHANGE; Balls will be same as last year. It is called a diamond ball. It will not bounce as high, but the weight will be same as a regular ball, AND WILL ONLY BE USED AT LITTLE CUBS FIELD. It still has a reduced injury factor. This reduces injury to players and spectators. The ball can ricochet off the brick walls at Little Cubs Field at high speeds. ON THE FULL SIZE FIELDS, WE WILL BE USING REGULATION HARD BASEBALLS. ALL SEMI FINAL AND FINAL ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE LARGER FIELDS AND WILL USE REGULATION HARD BASEBALLS. The consolation championship will be at Little Cubs Field.**

15) Girls can be on team if 8U. Ages of players is as of April 30, 2027. (If still 8 on that day, they can play). No birth certificates are needed. Honor system.
16) Time limit on games on Saturday and Sunday. No inning should be started after the one hour mark from the start of the game. Games may be shortened if rain delays them.
17) There can be ties in the pool play. Extra innings can be played if there is time left and the one hour mark has not yet been reached.
18) **NO SWEARING BY ANYONE.** Coaches, players, Managers, and fans are subject to being removed from the field and/or game area if this is violated. No exceptions. This applies to language directed at your own players.
19) There will be a concession stand on the premises with full complement of food and drink, nachos, ice cream, etc. This is just 300 feet from Little Cubs Field. where many of the games are played. There are bathrooms at both locations.
20) Food and drink can be brought in. There is a picnic shelter at Little Cubs Field, with picnic tables and electricity. There is limited shade on sunny days, so bring a pop up tent if you want.
21) Handicapped accessible bathroom at Little Cubs Field Gift Shop. Little Cubs Field items for sale at Gift Shop, open all during the tournament.
22) Homerun derby will be Saturday night at Little Cubs Field about 6:30 pm with any player, fan, coach, parent, or family eligible to participate. $5 entry fee, one half paid out to winner. Divisions are 9 and under, and 10 to age 90.
23) Big barrel bats are ok for use by all teams.
24) We will have Pee Wee Classic 2027 shirts for sale for teams in the tourney, which can be pre-ordered after the tournament teams are determined. The shirts will be ready for teams when they show up for the tourney. Form is attached. Please order by May 11, 2027.
25) In the event of rain shortening the tournament, the tournament director shall award trophies based on seeds, previous games played, partial games completed, and other factors.

26) **Special baserunning rules: There will be a line drawn at the halfway point between the bases. If the runner on base has gotten at least halfway to the next base, at the time the ball is controlled by the defensive pitcher (not the coach-pitcher) inside a 6 foot circle around the pitcher's mound, the baserunner gets the next base. If not, the baserunner goes back to the previous base. This applies to balls hit into the outfield at all fields, where baserunners are going more than one base. Ball is dead when the ball is controlled by the defensive pitcher (not the coach-pitcher) inside the pitchers circle. Note that if the defensive pitcher leaves the mound during a play to back up home or third, etc, another infielder may take his spot in the circle to catch the ball to end the play. Only one foot needs to be in the circle by the pitcher/fielder, similar to a first baseman touching the base. Multiple players in the pitchers circle are not allowed.**
27) **NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED IN THE ENTIRE READ PARK COMPLEX AT ANY TIME. THIS IS A PARK DISTRICT RULE AND THIS WILL BE ENFORCED. THE PARK POLICE RANDOMLY CHECK THE AREA DAILY AND WILL GIVE HEFTY FINES FOR ANY VIOLATION. DO NOT PUT KOOZIES OVER BEER CANS AND THINK THAT WILL WORK. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE AREA FOR THE DURATION OF THAT DAY'S EVENTS. THE FINE IS $350. NO WARNING WILL BE GIVEN. PLEASE LET ALL PARENTS AND ATTENDEES KNOW THIS RULE.**
28) Coaches, fans and players will not direct any taunts, chants or other unfavorable remarks to the other team, either during, before or after games. Penalties are at the discretion of the tournament director. Positive remarks on good plays or hits by the opposing team are encouraged. Remember these are 7-8 year olds.
29) This tournament is not a sanctioned, official Little League tournament, but all normal rules of baseball apply. It is meant to provide a unique experience for entry level baseball players.
30) Games may need to be shortened due to rain and darkness. This is at the discretion of the tournament director.
31) No defensive coaches anywhere in fair territory on the field. First and Third base coaches only please.

-Our Left Field Bleachers are complete at Little Cubs Field. Watch the game from the best seats in the house! We also have a live webcam 24/7 to watch the games and the field year round, at our website (enter Little Cubs Field in You tube search, scroll to aerial view of field, Live).

Little Cubs Field is at 1160 West Empire, Freeport, IL 61032 check out our website, www.littlecubsfield.com

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