

# Wee Ball

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In the preseason, practice will be 1-2 times per week. Once the season begins, the intent is to have one game to two games per week. Games will be played during the week and practices will be schedule during the week/weekends at the discretion of the coach. A 7 game season is typical. Additional practices are optional but will not be scheduled by the league.

Games have a one hour time limit consisting of 4 innings. All equipment used during practices and games must meet the requirements of the Blythewood Baseball League.

## **I. - Hitting**

Only half the players in the lineup will hit each inning.

*Example: Team A (12 players) and Team B (11 players). Inning 1 – Team A bats players 1-6 & Team B bats players 1-6; Inning 2 – Team A bats players 7-12 & Team B bats players 7-11. Inning 3 – Team A bats players 1-6 & Team B bats players 1-6; Inning 4 – Team A bats players 7-12 & Team B bats players 7-11.*

All Innings 1-4 - Each batter will hit from the tee.

The ball must travel beyond the 12 foot arc to be considered in play. There will be no strikeouts.

No outs or score will be recorded.

## **II. Base running and Play Stoppage**

Play will stop when: 1) batted ball stays in the infield, runners can advance only one base; or 2) when a ball is hit past the outfielders, runners can continue to advance until the defensive team gets the ball past the plane of the base path separating the infield from the outfield.

If a base runner is more than half way to the next base when play is stopped, he will be awarded that base. If the runner is not half way, they will return to the previous base.

For the final batter of each inning, the hitter will clear the bases by all runners reaching home plate.

Coaches at each base will be the umpire for that base. In case of a disagreement, the head coaches of both teams will discuss and make the final call.

If a play is made at any base and the ball is over thrown, no runners can advance other than to the base they are running to.

There will be no plays at home allowed.

No coach or adult is permitted to stop the ball at any time. It is up to the players to stop the ball and make a play on the runner.

## **III. Defensive Positioning**

On defense, the infielders will have defined positions at first; second; short; third; and a pitcher.

The pitcher must one foot inside the circle which will be 12 feet in diameter centered 35 feet from home plate.

Outfield positions must be a minimum of 10 feet behind the base path (60' bases). There are no set positions required for the outfielders. Outfielders can be placed on the dirt or outfield grass at the coach's discretion.

Coaches will be responsible for rotating players at both infield and outfield positions in an organized manner.

When the team is batting, they are required to have coaches at home plate; first and third base coaching boxes. The coach at home plate is responsible for moving the tee out of play once the ball is hit beyond the arc.

The defensive team can have up to three coaches spread around the infield and outfield.

Players are not allowed to lead off or steal.

No infield fly rule.