

## 2026 MCYS Rule Changes – Approved & Rejected

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### Peanut Changes

1. Approved by Vote – up to 3 Peanut players per team, in their last year of Peanut eligibility, can play on their communities' Peewee team, and still play on their Peanut team. This language now matches a similar rule in the Machine Pitch league.
2. Approved by Vote – delete obsolete base running rule IV.12 (still refers to old 10<sup>th</sup> batter rule).
3. Approved by Vote – Roster batting rule language change on removing players from the lineup. This change was the template for similar changes to Peewee, Machine Pitch, GSM, and JFP leagues.
4. Approved by Vote – Add catcher's interference rule.
5. Rejected by Vote – Allow batter to take first base upon being hit by a pitch.
6. Rejected by Vote – Allow for special defensive plays at first while limiting advancement of other base runners.
7. Rejected by Vote – Revise language for clarification on overthrows and runner advancement.
8. Rejected by Vote – Add language to prevent starting a new inning after a 1.5 hour time limit has passed.
9. Rejected by Vote – Add the term "consecutive" to define that allowable innings pitched per game must be consecutive.
10. Rejected by Vote – Several versions of proposed coach-pitch language changes, including replacing coach-pitch with a mechanical pitching machine and language to allow coaches to kneel while pitching.
11. Rejected by Initial Review – Extend season to 12 weeks or shorten season to 6 weeks with 2 games per week.

### Peewee changes

1. Approved by Vote – Peewee game length reduced from 7 innings to 6 innings.

2. Approved by Vote – Game run rule limits reduced from 12 after 5 innings and 18 after 3 innings to 10 after 5 innings and 15 after 3 innings.
3. Approved by Vote – Communities can now add up to 3 active Peanut players to Peewee rosters to meet team number requirements. This rule now matches Pony, Colt, GSM, JFP, and SFP rules.
4. Approved by Vote – Pitching limit rule language revised, with the 3 inning pitching limit still in place.
5. Approved by Vote - Roster batting rule language change on removing players from the lineup. Added roster batting rule language for consistency with GSM & JFP leagues, including courtesy runners for pitcher & catcher, as well as 2026 revised Peanut roster batting rule changes.

#### Pony changes

1. Rejected by Vote – Replace current pitching inning/out limits per game and mandatory rest with a pitch-count based system similar to current Colt rules. (Two different versions, one in February and one in March, were previously rejected).
2. Currently Under Review – Revising current pitching inning / out rules and mandatory rest periods until participation in next MCYS game.

#### Machine Pitch changes

1. Approved by Vote – Add rule for runners advancing with a batted ball fielded by the pitcher in the pitching circle.
2. Approved by Vote – Add directions on setting the Power Pedal on the pitching machine, with verification prior to game start.
3. Approved by Vote – Add language for penalty if umpire(s) not provided for start of game.
4. Approved by Vote – Add language for penalty if official scorer not provided for start of game.
5. Approved by Vote – Add language regarding recommended replacement of pitching machine springs.
6. Approved by Vote – Revise language on definition of overthrow for runner advancement.

7. Approved by Vote – Update roster batting rule language to more closely match 2026 revised Peanut roster batting rule changes.

#### Grade School Modified Changes

1. Approved by Vote – Update roster batting rule language to more closely match Peewee & JFP versions, as well as 2026 revised Peanut roster batting rule changes.

#### Junior Fast Pitch Changes

1. Approved by Vote – Revise language on runner advancement and scoring on a passed ball or wild pitch (may advance or score).
2. Approved by Vote – Revise language on runner advancement and scoring on a dropped third strike (may advance or score).
3. Approved by Vote - Update roster batting rule language to more closely match Peewee & GSM versions, as well as 2026 revised Peanut roster batting rule changes.