

San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball Myths:

- Myth #1: San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball practices 5-7 days a week.**
In actuality no team can practice more than 3 times a week during pre-season. Most teams practice twice a week and then they may play 2-3 games per week.
- Myth #2: San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball is too competitive.**
How do you define "competitive"? YES, scores and standings are kept, YES, 8 teams make the playoffs, YES, there is a league champion each year. But the focus is on *teaching* the game of baseball, players need to strive towards an end result that includes improving in all areas of their game and perhaps winning in the process.
- Myth #3: San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball allows kid pitching.**
No, we do not. This league is coach pitch, why? Because we feel that this allows a player to learn the game, by having the ball put in play almost every single time a batter comes up. The teams learn offense and defense and this is most important during the formulative years of a player's baseball career.
- Myth #4: New Players can get cut.**
Not true at all, all new players go through a player evaluation, hitting, running, throwing and catching and then are selected on to a team that needs a player in that age group.
- Myth #5: A player may only get one at bat a game.**
Not entirely true, all players have to play at least 24 outs (4 full innings) in the 9 inning game, sometimes in a close game with the home team leading there may be instances where a player entering in the sixth inning may only get one at bat, but this is a rarity.
- Myth #6: San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball teams are coached by well paid staff.**
NOT true, all of our managers and coaches are volunteers that spend HUNDREDS of hours during the season coaching your player.
- Myth #7: 7 year olds play with 10 year olds.**
Yes, this year we are trying something new. Our research has found that players are developing earlier in life, as such there is a need to get them playing. Our league has been for 8-10 year olds, as a pilot program we are expanding to allow 7 year olds. Is this dangerous? No more so than a 9 year old playing with a 10 year old, or an 8 playing with a 9 year old, etc. Balls can take strange bounces, throws can get away and strike a runner, a strong hitter can hit the ball hard at an unprepared player. We can not predict the when or where of an injury during our season. In the last 4 years, there have been perhaps 6 injuries that have occurred during league play.
- Myth #8: A 7 year old MUST play with 10 year olds.**
NO, if the parents of a 7 year old feel that their player is not yet ready, they can meet with the San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball Executive Board and discuss their concerns. Their other option is to participate in our Tee Ball league which will help prepare a player for his/her future in the game of baseball.
- Myth #9: A player can pick which team he/she wants to play with.**
No, every new player must participate in a player evaluation and then will be drafted onto a team that needs a player in that age group. This process helps keep the league in balance.
- Myth #10: San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball is expensive.**
Our player fee is \$125 which is one of the least expensive player fees on the peninsula. If you look at what the fee covers you see that you get quite the bang for your buck:

Team Jersey, Team Hat, Team Undershirt, Team belt and socks, Team Batting and Catching equipment, Knowledgeable team coaching staffs, Personalized instruction, Opening Day Ceremonies (weather permitting), 2-3 days of practice per week, 2-4 practice games (weather permitting), 16 League Games (weather permitting), Post Season playoffs and championship, Uniformed umpires, All City Fees (player fee, field preparation, field use, lighting fees), League insurance for players, League Administration, League Awards and League Web Site: www.sanbrunopeeweebaseball.org