



Tri County Baseball League



1st and 2nd grade General Rules and Guidelines

Players eligible for this age group have just finished 1st or 2nd grade during the school year. For the 2022 season, all general Little League rules will be followed with the following exceptions:

General game rules:

- ___ A time limit of one hour and twenty minutes (1:20) is in place for all regular season games. No new inning will start after the one hour (60 minute) mark. Time limits must be imposed to allow all games schedule to get fair field time.
- ___ A six (6) run rule per inning will be in effect with a ten (10) run rule after 4 innings.
- ___ A maximum of 6 runs per inning even if it is the last inning.
- To be eligible for the 2022 season the player must have just finished 1st or 2nd grade.
- Softcore baseballs are to be used for games.

Batting/Base running:

- ___ One continuous batting order will be used.
- ___ All rostered players present at the start of the game must bat.
- ___ No bunting.
- ___ Runners can leave the base once the ball has crossed home plate. **No Stealing.**

Pitching:

- ___ Coaches will do all of the pitching for the entire season.
- ___ Each child will receive a **maximum of 6 pitches** unless the 6th and consecutive pitches are fouled off, or the player puts the ball in play in less than 6 pitches.
- ___ A player cannot strikeout on less than 6 pitches.
- ___ There will be no walks.
- ___ Pitchers hands will apply and the midpoint of baserunners. Once the pitcher has control of the ball within the bases, runners can only advance if they are beyond the halfway point of the bases.

At the midpoint of the year, 3 strikes count as an out. However the coaches can mutually agree, prior to the game, if they want to stay with the maximum of 6 pitches no matter what.

Fielding:

- ___ The infield positions:
 - o ___ One (1) pitcher
 - o ___ One (1) catcher
 - o ___ One (1) 1st baseman
 - o ___ One (1) 2nd baseman
 - o ___ One (1) shortstop
 - o ___ One (1) 3rd baseman
- ___ The outfield shall consist of four (4) players (Left Field, Left Center, Right Center, Right Field). The outfielders cannot be used as infielders.



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The following League rules should be noted:

- Only USA stamped bats may be used. Bats need to be intact and have an endcap. Questionable bats can be sent to be inspected.



- All rostered players present at the start of the game must play at least six (6) defensive outs
 - o Exceptions to above rule may be made due to player injury, or shortened games
- Players are not allowed to sit consecutive innings.
- Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
- Baserunners may not leave the base until the ball is put in play
- Runners must slide when being played upon. One warning will be issued. If it occurs again the runner will be call out.
- Runners are not allowed to slide headfirst, unless they are returning to a base.

Make sure if you do not have enough players make the call to the coach of the other Team. And let them know the situation so they would not have to make an unnecessary trip.

Remember...This is a recreational baseball league and that coaches are supposed to be role models to the kids. All kids should be given a fair opportunity to player different positions.