

Little League Winter T-Ball

Playing Rules Addendum

The current year Little League Baseball Official Rule Book shall be used as the official rules guidelines. Some rules have been modified to meet the needs of our local league. Final interpretation of any rule(s) shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors:

1. There shall be a drop-dead time limit of **1 hour** from the **designated start time of the game**.
 - a. Managers are obligated to play for the entire allotted time period and are not permitted to terminate a game prior to the drop-dead time for any reasons unless otherwise authorized by the Division Vice President or other CHLL board member.
2. Baseballs used during games must carry the words Little League T-Ball.
3. Bases shall be 60 feet apart.
4. All defensive players may be placed on the field with up to six (6) players permitted in the infield and any remaining rostered players in the outfield.
 - a. Managers are expected to rotate infielders and outfielders every inning.
 - b. Defensive players may not play an infield position for more than two (2) consecutive innings.
 - c. Any non-player may not catch infield practice or warm up pitchers for their team in the infield prior to the start of and during the game (bullpen warm-up). Roster players are the only authorized player(s) to catch infield and warm up pitchers prior and during the game.
5. A player in the pitching position must remain in the pitcher's circle until the ball is hit.
 - a. The center of the pitching circle shall be 40 feet from the back edge of home plate.
 - b. The pitching circle should have a radius of approximately 3 feet.
6. The batting order shall consist of all rostered players. Please allow all batters to hit per inning. The offense is retired when the entire batting order of players have batted in their half inning.
 - a. A running order shall be used for the season. (ie. if batter #5 makes the last out in game #2, then batter #6 shall bat first in game #3) The manager makes a lineup for the first game and is in effect the entire season. The manager cannot change the lineup game to game. If a player is absent, his name will be in the lineup but manager will indicate absent. The next player will then bat with no penalty.
 - b. If an additional player is added to the roster at a later date, said player shall be added to the bottom of the originally submitted batting order.
7. A ball hit by the batter shall be considered "in play" only if it is placed within the foul lines and travels at least 5 feet from home plate.

8. After the first attempt at an out, if unsuccessful, a ball is considered dead once the defensive player has gained control. Runners shall be held at the base last attained when the ball was declared dead.
9. Players shall not advance to 2nd base on any overthrows to 1st base. Any overthrow to any other base, the runner will be awarded one base only, at the offensive manager's discretion. If a ball is hit into the outfield, base runners may advance extra bases until the ball is returned into the infield.
10. No leads. Coaches are encouraged to keep defensive players from obstructing the runner's base path.
11. **There shall be absolutely no sliding (head or feet-first). This includes sliding into Home Plate.**
12. No coach pitch will be permitted during the majority of the T-ball season. However, for the last three (3) scheduled games of the season, coach pitch will be allowed. The coach must be positioned half the distance from the plate to the mound. For coach pitch, the coach will deliver a maximum of 3 pitches to the batter. If after three pitches the batter does not hit the ball, the tee will be used.
13. No more than three (3) defensive coaches are permitted on the field at any one time. At least one manager or coach shall be in the dugout at all times.
14. No on-deck batters are permitted.
15. Please keep the dugout gates closed at all times during play except when changing sides, when a runner is returning to the dugout, or when a player is the next batter.
16. Both teams are responsible for supplying one (1) new game ball.
17. No standings will be kept and no official scorekeeping shall be allowed.
18. No food, gum, sunflower seeds or beverages (other than a sports drink or water) are allowed in the dugout and no food, gum, sunflower seeds or beverages are allowed on the playing field.
19. Dugouts are to be kept clear of cans, glass bottles, food, candy, etc. and must be cleaned after each game.
20. Managers, Coaches and Parents are prohibited from using any type of Tobacco(smoke or smokeless), Vape or Alcohol products while on the field with players during practices or games.
21. First aid kits must be kept in the dugouts at all times during games and practice.
22. Post-game meetings must be held outside of the dugouts and in the presence of the parents so as to allow the next game to begin on time.

23. Emergency cards/medical release must be present at all team functions. Random audits will be conducted to ensure compliance.

24. Each manager is responsible for ensuring that any bat used in practice or games is Little League approved. 2018, T-Ball bats are required to have the **USA Baseball T-Ball** mark. No exceptions.

25. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout.

26. All male players are required to wear athletic supporters. All catchers are required to wear a fiber or plastic cup, mask with apple/throat guard, shin guards, and chest protector during games. (Hockey style catcher's masks also require the additional hanging throat guard).

27. **Rainy Day Procedures:** Fields at Community Park cannot be used for practices or games until the City of Chino Hills gives their approval. A scheduled game is considered a rainout only if the city has closed the fields. Every attempt will be made to reschedule all rained out games.

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