



## Irondequoit Little League Baseball Minors A Rules



### Field Setup

1. Diamond Size: 60' between bases and 46' from pitcher's mound to home plate.

### Pre-Game

1. Game and field set up
  - a. Players and coaches should arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled game time.
  - b. Players should warm up during this time and coaches should set up the field.
  - c. First base bench is reserved for the home team. Home team is responsible for field layout, including base positioning and machine setup. Please remove bases if yours is the last game.
  - d. The league is responsible for postponing a game due to poor weather. You will be notified as soon as possible. Please make sure your team knows as well.
  - e. Only registered and uniformed players will be allowed to play.

### Game Rules

#### 1. Length of game

- a. Length of game should be at least four innings or about 1 ½ hours of play.

#### 2. Scoring

- a. Each team will be limited to three outs or five runs per inning (whichever comes first) for the entire game.
- b. No official score will be kept and there are no official standings.

#### 3. Players

- a. The intent of the league is to instruct the players and provide opportunities for all players to play every position throughout the year. While considering the safety of each player, coaches will assign players to several different positions throughout the game.
- b. All normal infield positions are played but limit the outfielders to four positions, so if you have more than ten on your roster players will have to take turns in the field. Make sure the outfielders stay on the grass or at least 25' behind the baselines.
- c. Each player will be assigned a position in the batting order. The batting order will remain the same for the entire game and will include all team members present. If players arrive after the game has started they will be placed at the bottom of the line-up.

#### 4. Hitting

- a. The coach will operate the machine and any ball hit into fair territory is in play. If a batted ball hits the machine it will be considered a "dead ball" and the batter will hit



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again. The batter is only allowed three strikes and no balls are called. Encourage a player who is not swinging at strikes to swing the bat. No bunting is allowed.

### 5. Base running

- a. Base runners should be controlled. Do not force fielders into poor throws. There is no advancing on overthrows. There is no stealing bases or advancing on passed balls.
- b. On balls that are hit past the outfielders the base runner makes take more than two bases if possible. Allow the kids to have fun after a big hit while at the same time not forcing fielders into poor throws.

### 6. Equipment

- a. Official helmets must be worn by all batters and base runners.
- b. Catchers must wear helmet, mask, chest protector, shin guards and protective cup.
- c. Long pants must be worn by all players for practice and games, no shorts allowed.
- d. All bats must meet Little League standards. Only 2 ¼" bats are allowed. No big barrel bats and wooden bats must have a grip on the handle.

### 7. Safety

- a. If a player is hurt during the game please make sure they are fit to re-enter the game. Player safety is a major concern do not take injuries lightly.
- b. Sliding is permitted if there is play at the base the runner is going to. Do not allow players to slide into an empty base. For safety reasons do not encourage a player to slide into first base.
- c. If thunder/lightening is in the area players should go with their family to their car and wait there for 30 minutes. Play can resume if there are no further occurrences in that 30 minute waiting period.
- d. Make sure the machine is unloaded in between innings. The player in the Pitchers position should stand about three feet away from the machine.
- e. **There will be no on deck circle and no swinging the bat until the player is at the plate. This is a Little League rule.**

### 8. Miscellaneous

- a. Coaches or Parents will serve as umpires for the game.
- b. **HINT:** For machine consistency use the same kind of ball each time and place it on the machine the same way each time.

**Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Minors Commissioner**