

Huntley Park District
T-Ball and Lil Minors
League Rules

Participation:

Continuous batting order of all players should be used.

No player shall sit out two consecutive defensive innings.

Each child should play at least one inning each game at an infield position (P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS).

Coaches are encouraged to play their players at every position at least once during the season, including catcher. Coaches need to keep player safety in mind especially at a position like 1st base.

Coaches:

Coaches ARE allowed on the field.

Coaches are allowed to coach 1st, 2nd (T-Ball), or 3rd base on offense. The "coach pitcher" replaces the 2nd base coach in Lil Minors.

There may be one coach with the catcher, one coach in the infield, and one coach in the outfield on defense. The coach with the catch should assist with the opposing batter as needed.

Equipment:

A RIF 5 ball shall be used for T-Ball and Lil Minors Baseball. A 11" "Safe/Soft" Softball will be used for Lil Minors Softball.

Distances:

The pitching rubber shall be set at 35'

A 10' circle will be drawn completely around home plate from the apex of home plate.

The base length shall be 60'

Game Length:

All games shall be five (5) innings in duration with a 1 hour 30 minutes. No inning will begin after after 1 hour 30 minutes of play.

Games can end in a tie. There are no extra innings.

Run Rules:

A maximum of 6 runs can be scored in each inning for each team.

If either team is behind and cannot catch up or go ahead, the game shall be over immediately.

Effectively that is 13 runs after 3 innings and 7 runs after 4 innings. There is no "unlimited run" final inning.

Defensive Positions:

The defensive team may play a maximum of 10 players in the field.

Defensive players must remain behind the pitchers plate line extended until the batter has hit the ball.

One player shall be in the pitchers position on the pitching mound with at least one foot within 8' of the pitchers plate at the start of each play. The pitcher cannot leave this position until the ball is hit.

Six fielders, including the catcher must be in the infield. The rest must be in the outfield. The line designating the infield/outfield boundary is defined as at least 10' outside the baselines in fair territory. Catchers must wear full protective gear (Lil Minors only).

Offensive rules:

T-Ball

The batter will be allowed 3 swings. If the batter misses the ball it will be counted as a swing. If the ball goes foul, or the ball does not go past the 10' arc, this will be considered a swing. If the batter fouls a third strike, the batter will be called out.

Bunting is not allowed.

The batter will be allowed only one practice swing prior to each swing in the batters box. Any excess practice swings will be called a strike.

All offensive players must wear NOCSAE stamped Batting Helmets. Players may provide their own helmet or use one of the four provided by Huntley Park District to the team coach.

There is no infield fly rule.

Lil Minors

Coaches may use any pitching style/speed desired to promote success by the batter. Batter will receive six pitches. Each pitch will count as one of the six even if the batter does not swing. If the sixth pitch is hit foul the batter will get additional pitches at bat as long as they continue to foul off pitches or put the ball in play. If after six pitches (or any additional pitches as stated above) the batter has not put the ball in play, they will get one swing off a tee. If the swing from the tee is missed or hit foul, the batter will be declared out.

There shall be no Base on Balls (walks) awarded.

Batters hit by a pitch will not be awarded 1st base.

Base Running:

A runner may not leave a base until the ball is hit. Penalty for leaving early; runner will be called out.

Players may advance only one base on a batted ball that stays in the infield (no advance on overthrow on a put out attempt at any base on a batted ball that does not leave the infield).

Players may advance as many bases as possible on a batted ball that reaches the outfield (even if it rolls through the infield to get there). Time will be called when a defensive player has possession of the ball in advance of the lead runner or the ball is returned to the player pitcher within 8' of the pitching rubber. Runners may continue to advance to the next base only when the criteria is met for time to be called.

Scoring:

Outs are made at this level but final scores and division standings are NOT kept at this level. Scores are only used for the purpose of the run rules listed above.