

Instructional League Rules

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- Teams will consist of at least 9 (nine) players. If a team cannot field 9 players a maximum of 2 (two) players may be borrowed from another team, but they must bat last. Or a team may field eight (8) players taking an automatic out when the ninth player would come up in the line up.
- Games will last for one (1) hour and a half. No new inning will start after one (1) hour and 15 minutes.
- Continuous bat is in effect.
- There is no in field fly rule.
- Field positions **will** consist of pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, shortstop and third base. The outfield shall be comprised of the remaining team members spaced evenly. Team **will** use a catcher (must be a player) even if they cannot field a complete out-field.
- Pitches will be **thrown** to the batter from the pitchers mound by the coach for the first innings of the first 1/2 of the season, and then pitchers will pitch the last inning. In the second half of the season, more time may be allocated to players pitching as talent allows. Pitchers will throw five (5) pitches to each batter, if the batter is unable to hit the ball then the coach will pitch another five (5) pitches at which point the batter will have either hit the ball or **will** counted as an out. *No tees will be used.*
- An individual pitcher will pitch once to each player on the opposing team.
- Base runners will be taught to run through first base hitting the **orange safety base** and turn to the right to return to the base.
- Runners may slide into bases for all close plays, except first base (feet first, no exceptions)
- Basemen will not stand in the base line or on the bases except when making a play for the ball or the runner.
- Runners may advance bases as long as it is safe to do so, (no play is being made on him or the next base open).
- Teams will bat through the order once, or until three (3) outs are made (either fielded or strike-outs). If the three out rule comes in effect the batting line up will resume where it left off the inning prior.
- Runners may not lead off.
- Runners may not steal.

- Scores will be kept. Games may end in ties.
- Coaches will concentrate on teaching the fundamentals of the game; proper fielding (catching), throwing, batting (grip, swing and not to throw the bat) and base running.

This is meant to be a transition from Tee-Ball to Little League, not as an extension of Tee-Ball. If you have any questions about these rules please contact Ed Davidson. You may also refer to the Little League rules to see what will be expected of the players once they move up to the Little League level.