



TRI-COUNTY YOUTH LEAGUES

12 & Under Boys Baseball Rules

1. A player must not turn thirteen (13) years of age before April 30 of the current year.
2. Any player transferring from one league team to another without changing residence will be ineligible for one year. (See By Laws for exceptions.)
3. A player must play in the regular league of the league he plays for in the Tri-County League and participate in at least 60% of their league games.
4. Bases are to be sixty (60) feet, pitchers mound at forty-six (46) feet.
5. A pitcher may only pitch seven (7) innings a week (including during Tri-County Play-offs) and a maximum of 4 innings per game. A week is Monday-Sunday. Only the starting pitcher may return to pitching one time. Each Tri County contact will have a pitching sheet to fill out with scores and pitched innings for all home games. This must be faxed in by the following weekend after the game. Each coach will initial sheet.
6. A player can go to any fielding position (including catcher) after they have pitched in a game.
7. Each league must have a portable pitching mound or a dirt mound. Dirt mounds must be properly maintained.
8. A complete game is six innings. Run rule is 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, or 12 runs after 5 innings. There is no time limit and no run rule per inning.
9. Half (1/2) of an inning will consist of three outs.
10. A player will not show any unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind.
11. A starting team shall consist of nine (9) players. The minimum is seven (7) players, less than seven (7) is a forfeit. Outfielders must be positioned in the grass until contact with the ball.
12. No metal spikes.
13. The home team will furnish two (2) new balls each game.
14. Catchers must wear full protective gear (throat guard, catcher's cup, etc.).
15. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher when there are two (2) outs. The courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out. No courtesy runner will be used in the last inning or any extra innings.
16. All players on the roster which are present for the game shall be placed in the batting order, therefore creating free defensive substitution between innings. Should a player miss his turn at bat due to illness, he may return in his spot in the batting order without taking an out. If a player arrives late, he will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
17. A player being played on while advancing to a base other than first should attempt to slide. If a runner advances to a base without sliding with the intent of knocking the ball loose by colliding with the fielder, the runner shall be called out and may be expelled from the game. A runner attempting to advance to any base, other than first, without sliding should avoid contact. (A runner may not leap over the top of a defensive player.)
18. A batter or runner shall be called out for knocking off or removing their helmet intentionally.
19. Coaches may not touch runners while the ball is alive. If this occurs, the runner shall be called out.
20. No leading off allowed.

21. Infield fly rule will be enforced.
22. Player throwing the bat: one (1) warning per team. After warning, any player on the warned team shall be called out. Runners DO NOT advance if ball is hit in fair territory.
23. The home team will furnish the both umpires: **Not using parents to umpire home plate is recommended. Umpires minimum age is 18 years old. All umpires need to be qualified.**
24. All diamonds must be lined for each game, including a batters box.
25. Forfeit time is 30 minutes after time listed on schedule.
26. If play is stopped due to inclement weather, 3 ½ innings will be considered a complete game if the home team is ahead. If the minimum innings have not been played, play will begin where the game was stopped. EXCEPTION: Play-off games will be played to completion (six (6) innings).
27. Games must be played at the scheduled date and time. If there is a conflict, the 1st option is to check with other town to see if their diamonds are playable. 2nd option is to make up the games on the following Saturday or Sunday, at home field first and visiting field second. If games are not made up the following weekend, the board must ok it or it will be considered a forfeit.
28. Cancellations must be done as soon as possible. If not weather related, the opposing team must be notified 48 hours in advance.
29. Roster and entry fee must be turned into league president no later than April 15 of the current year.
30. Infield ball will be allowed at the discretion of the umpire.
31. Each team must wear matching uniforms, shirt with tails tucked into pants, with matching hats.
32. It is the coaches' responsibility to give a list of rules to the umpires. It is recommended that a list of umpires be given to the Boys Commissioner. It is also recommended that a copy of rules be kept in the concession stand.
33. The winning team will contact the Boys Commissioner after the game, with the score.
34. Little League Regulations shall apply to all situations and rules not covered above.
35. All teams are required to have birth certificates available at all games. A game may be played in full, but if a birth certificate is not produced by the end of the game it will be a forfeit.
36. All teams are required to attend the tri county tournament. Failure to do so places the coach on suspension for the next season.
37. All teams that win their division are required to attend All Star All Star Night. Failure to do so places the coach on suspension for the next season, and they forfeit their trophies.