

Minors League Rules



- **Age Group Guidelines:** 3rd-4th grade (8-11 year olds but generally 8-10 year olds), following a season in coach pitch and participation in the player evaluation in the winter/spring. Volunteer coaches and the representative from the Board of Directors may offer guidance to players and families.
- **Pre-Season Player Evaluations:** Yes (mandatory, take place in the winter/spring prior to the season)
- **Team Makeup:** Generally, 11+ players are selected by using a draft after player evaluations are complete. Draft and guidance organized by the Player Agent/League Coordinator.
- **Positions:** All positions practiced. Equal participation for all players.
- **Games:** 120 minutes (typically 4-5 innings). Games typically start at 6 PM. No new inning may start 120 minutes after the start of the game. Games MUST complete 4 innings to be regulation. Make-ups will start where games left off if 4 innings are not completed.
- **Practice:** Preseason practices are scheduled by the league coordinator. The coaches may schedule additional practices at any time. EXTRA PRACTICE is ENCOURAGED. On game days, teams may practice from 5:20 to 6:00 PM before each game. Visitors take fielding practice from 5:20 to 5:40 PM. The home team takes fielding practice from 5:40 to 6:00 PM and stays on the field for the game.
- **Batting Cage:** Teams on DeWitt Field use the batting cage closest to their field (Home from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM & Visitor from 5:30 to 6:00PM). Teams on Seman Field use the batting cage closest to their field (Home from 5:00 to 5:30 PM & Visitor from 5:30 to 6:00 PM).
- **Uniforms:** Uniforms are provided and consist of hats and T-shirts. Grey baseball pants are provided by families and are required. Plastic cleats are recommended (no metal). The player keeps the hat and t-shirt at the end of the season.
- **Equipment:** Teams receive their equipment (balls, helmets, bases, bats, hitting tee, and first aid kit) and will share equipment as needed at practices. Male catchers MUST wear a cup.
- **Fields:** Maple Street Park (Seman & Dewitt fields), and Cascade Park. Rain cancellations will be called by the coaches by 5 PM. No Practices if lightning is present. There is a 30-minute wait period after lightning or thunder is observed.
- **Make-up Games:** Make-up games are agreed upon by the coaches and scheduled as needed. Teams must complete 12 games for their player to be eligible for all-stars. Playoff games can be considered for eligibility.
- **Championship:** Playoffs may be played following the conclusion of the regular season. Double elimination is encouraged.
- **Awards:** Each player will receive a Little League participation memento at the end of the season. Little League rules prohibit awards for comparable skills or accomplishments.
- **Rules:**
 - ◆ Minors follow the Little League rule book.
 - ◆ All coaches will receive a new rule book.
 - ◆ All batters are in the batting lineup.
 - ◆ The maximum 5 runs per inning rule will be used.
 - ◆ Free defensive substitutions, except for the pitching position, which must follow Little League rules.
 - ◆ Be aware of pitching rules. Violations of pitching rules will result in automatic forfeiture of the game by the offending team.
 - ◆ It is the manager's responsibility to learn and know the rules of Little League Baseball.
 - ◆ No on deck batters, no bat donuts allowed.
- **Umpires:** The League will try to schedule umpires. It is the responsibility of the home team to supply the home plate umpire and the visiting team to supply the field umpire. (Home team responsible for both umps when out of league teams are played.)

All Injuries must be reported to the Safety Coordinator.