



## **LLL Mini-T Rules 2020**

**(4-year-old Co-ed Instructional T-Ball)**

**The objective of this division is to introduce the basics of the game in providing an organized curriculum and giving the players the opportunity to have fun and learn. Although not every specific rule is covered in this document, good adult judgement shall cover the rest.**

**Maximum of (3) three team events per week.** I.E. (1) one practice (2) two games or (2) two practices (1) one game. Practice time is limited to (1) one hour per practice.

**NO official score** will be kept. Introducing the game and making it fun for the players is most important.

**NO Umpires** will be provided for this division. Good adult judgement from both team coaching staffs will serve to officiate the game.

**Games** will consist of **3 innings or 60-minute** game time. If 60 minutes is reached in the middle of an inning that inning may be completed if daylight allows. Games will NOT stop in the middle of an inning unless daylight does not allow the inning to finish.

**Teams** will consist of (8) to (10) players. (8) players are recommended by Little League for this type of division. Mini-T is co-ed and teams will be mixed of girls and boys. NO All Girl or All Boy teams are allowed.

**Mini-T will follow the first 5 weeks of the T-Ball 10-week educational program** provided by Little League. Managers are not required to follow the program in its entirety although LLL highly recommends it. Managers can manage their team as they choose but the core lessons from the 10-week program must be met. A minimum of (2) weeks must be spent on each of the first 5 weeks of the program.

**Field** – Will be a reduced Little League regulation field consisting of 50-foot bases and a 35-foot pitching mound. Pitching Mounds will be flat with NO slope.

A Tee and T-Balls will be available in the concession stand. **Home team is responsible for** getting the Tee and T-balls and replacing them after each game. If the Tee is not returned and is lost or stolen the home team manager will be responsible for replacing.

**Cancellations** - In the event of bad weather in which a game is cancelled or rescheduled the LLL Board of Directors will make that decision. Managers **CAN NOT** cancel a game without Board approval. Game cancellations or reschedules due to weather will be posted on the LLL website and sent to the Manager.  
<http://www.lumbertonlittleleague.com>

**Defense** – Only one player per defensive position in the infield. Players must be rotated each inning and **NO** player shall play the same position more than (1) one inning per game. Managers must rotate their players throughout the season so that each player has an opportunity to play each position at least (1) one inning.

**Batting Format** – The half inning will be over once you have batted all the kids on your roster. Managers are required to shuffle the batting order each game so that all players have an opportunity to bat at the top, middle, and bottom of the lineup.

**Bunting is not allowed.** The batter must take a full swing and follow through. The ball must also cross the 10' fair line in front of home plate to be deemed a "fair" ball.

A player is allowed **5 swings** to put the ball in play, if the ball is not hit fair on fifth swing the player is "Out".

**Base runners** will advance (1) one base at a time. Base runners may advance (1) one extra base on a ball hit to the outfield. Once a batter reaches base (2 bases on a hit to the outfield) or a defensive out is recorded the play is considered dead.

If the base runner is called "Out" the player will return to the dugout immediately.

**The base runner** may not lead off or leave the base until the ball is put into play. If he/she does, the runner will be "Out". Base stealing will not be allowed.

**On a hit to the outfield** - Once the ball has been thrown back into the infield, base runners may not advance to any other bases unless already in the act of advancing.

**Catcher** - Is **NOT** a required position although recommended. The Catcher must wear a batting helmet to play the position. An adult must monitor the positioning of the catcher to keep them from harm's way of the batter.

**Mini-T** is purely instructional. Managers and Coaches are encouraged to enlist other parents to help instruct play on the field. Maximum of (4) four coaches per Team may be on the field. On offense a minimum of (1) one coach must be in the dugout.

For **Safety** reasons All players must wear appropriate baseball attire to play. **NO** shorts or opened toed shoes allowed. **NO** jewelry allowed including earrings. **NO** hard casts, braces, or uncovered wounds.

All bats must meet the **USAbat T-Ball standard**. **NO** other bats are allowed.

**Reminder** – Any adult aiding or interacting with players must have completed a Volunteer Form and submit to a background check. **NO Exceptions!!!**

**The Manager** is responsible for collecting volunteer forms from all volunteers and creating a list of coaches to be turned into the LLL Coaching Coordinator. Please designate (1) one person in charge if the manager is not reachable.

**Contact Numbers:**

**League President – Jacob Williford – (409)-350-1303**

**Director of Baseball – Scott Leach – (409)-658-1754**

**Safety Officer – Cody Powell – (409)-790-2767**

**Coaching Coordinator – Drew Wallace – (832)-795-6980**

**Immediately report ALL incidents and injuries to the League President.**