



Rookie Rules - 2018

1. Games are 3 innings.
2. In case of inclement weather, 2 COMPLETE innings will constitute a game.
3. Safety t-ball will be used. Girls will be allowed to use 11" safety softball.
4. Bat completely through team lineup, every inning.
5. If defense makes a play, and tags runner, or forces an out, runner is out, and returns to dugout. Coaches may elect to let the kids remain on base.
6. Last batter in lineup - runs until out, or scores run.
7. All players play defense. HLL will limit teams to 10 players.
8. The coach will pitch to each batter a maximum of 7 pitches (including balls). After 3 strikes the ball will be placed on a tee.
9. Ball must be hit beyond 10 foot semi-circle.
10. More than one base may be achieved by batter.
11. Once ball reaches the infield, runners advance no further than next base.
12. No advance on overthrows.
13. Two base coaches are allowed.
14. No bunting
15. No stealing
16. Runner leaves base when ball is batted.
17. Games will have a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit. No inning will begin after 1 hour from start. Coaches will log game start time.
18. No score is kept.
19. Each player is required to play 1 inning in an infield position.

Hudsonville Little League Rules

- a. Continuous Batting Order (CBO) – all players bat
- b. Free defensive player substitutions
- c. No 'on-deck' circle - practice swings allowed ONLY in batter's box.
- d. Pre-game batting practice: -Hitting aids, such as plastic or foam balls and hit sticks, are allowed at all levels. -No aids may be used upon start of game. -Batting practice using regulation balls is allowed ONLY in the batting cages, and shall NOT be allowed on the fields during pre-game warm-up.
- e. 8 PLAYERS PER TEAM, MINIMUM, TO PLAY A GAME. Visiting team may start with less than 8 players but must field 8 players in bottom of 1st inning. (Excludes Minors 'A' and Rookie Divisions)
- f. Once game begins, no swings are allowed on or around the field of play, except for the batter, per rule '4c'.
- g. Umpires and Managers will make cancellation decisions at game time.
- h. Games will be cancelled if Thunderstorm or Tornado warning or Tornado watch occurs 1 hour before game. In the event of lightning or thunder, game must be stopped until a 15 minute period has elapsed without lightning or thunder.
- i. Bats must meet all LL specifications.
- j. Batters should keep 1 foot in the Batter's Box unless a play is live, or time has been given to talk with the coach. (LL Rule 6.02 (c))
- k. Obstruction Rules Apply (LL Rules 7.05 and 7.06)
- l. Runners must avoid a collision with a player possessing the ball (LL Rule 7.08(a)(3))
- m. In-Field Fly (LL Rule 6.05(d)) is in effect for all Divisions AAA and above (excludes Rookie, A, A-Adv, AA, and AA-Adv)
- n. Runner's may not slide head first while advancing to a base for Majors and below (LL Rule 7.08(a)(4))
- o. No Coach's Agreements