2016 MINORS RULES

(March 3, 2016)

Minors Division

Overview: 15 game season plus playoffs. Intended for player's league ages 8 through 11. A 12 year old can play with a waiver from Little League. 8 year old players that wish to play in Minors must participate in evaluations. Games will be played under Little League rules with exception as outlined in local rules. Two games and one or two practices every week during the season. This is the default league for 9, 10 & 11 year old players that do not participate in evaluations.

Minors Roster Selection

1. Rosters will be assembled by the Player Agent based on coach evaluation scores and in the presence of the League President. Any players league age 8 to 11 and not selected by a Major's team are eligible for the Minors division.
2. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will attend evaluations and score each player in 5 categories (Hitting, Throwing, Fielding, Running and Pitching). Ratings of 1-5 in each category will be provided. Each team will turn in one score sheet on all players.
3. The Player Agent will total all scores from the coaches and evenly assemble the rosters.
4. Head coaches will be allowed to select and declare up to two (2) assistant coaches prior to the evaluations. Sons or daughters of head coach and declared assistant coaches that are Minors eligible will automatically be placed on the team. Head coaches shall have written confirmation from assistant coaches prior to the evaluations that they plan to participate with the head coach. Head coaches will not be permitted to solicit assistant coaches during or after evaluations until after rosters are selected.
5. A maximum of 3 total players per team can be reserved by declared head and assistant coaches. These players shall participate in evaluations but will be assigned to the declared team. In the case of a coach (es) having multiple siblings such siblings shall be declared prior to the roster selection and will be assigned accordingly to the team.
6. If a team is assigned a player who has a sibling also available in the division, that team will also be assigned the remaining sibling.
7. If a player joins the league after the rosters are developed, they will be added to the team that would have been assigned the next available player. Process will continue adding one player per team as long as necessary.
8. No post-roster selection trades.
9. Players will not return to their same Minors teams the following year if not selected by Majors.
10. Requests to play for certain teams and requests by coaches for certain players will not be honored. Players will be assigned in order of ranking from evaluations to assemble even teams.

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Minors will follow the basic rules of little league baseball as indicated in the Little League Rule Book. The only exceptions are:

1. Maximum runs allowed per ½ inning is five (5).
2. No infield fly rule.
3. No advancement by the batter on a dropped third strike. The batter is out.
4. Stealing of bases is unlimited with the start of the season except, stealing of home plate is only allowed a maximum of once per ½ inning.
    i. Stealing occurs when the ball has crossed the plate. There is no leading.
    ii. Stealing/advancing on a passed ball is prohibited once a team has a lead of 8 or more runs.
    iii. Unless the ball is put into play by a batter, or a play is attempted to get the runner out, anything else is a steal attempt.
5. Minors will use a continuous batting order. A player arriving late can be inserted into the last spot in the lineup upon arrival.
6. Minors will use 9 players in the field.
7. Mandatory 'feet first' sliding at home plate when there is a play at the plate.
8. Players are required to use helmets with a facemask.
9. Games will be up to six (6) innings with no new inning to start after the one hour & 45 minute mark if there is another game scheduled, especially on weekends. If there is no game on the field afterward, no new inning can start after the 120 minute mark. The start of an inning shall be upon the third out of the previous inning.
10. All players will play minimum of 9 defensive outs per game. No player shall sit on defense for more than 6 consecutive outs.
11. There is no on-deck batter. The only player with a bat shall be the hitter.
12. Pitching counts are as follows (Age refers to Little League Age, not actual). A pitcher can complete the batter they are facing if they started prior to their pitch limit.
    i. 8 year old – 50 pitches
    ii. 9 -10 year old – 75 pitches
    iii. 11 year old – 75 pitches
13. Pitching rest requirements per Little League Rule Book
14. Pitch count records to be enter on the website after each game.
15. A pitcher who hits 3 batters in a game must be removed.

16. A player who catches 4 complete innings or more is not eligible to pitch the remainder of the calendar day.
17. A pitcher who throws 40 pitches will not be eligible to player the position of catcher the remainder of the calendar day.
18. All Coaches are encouraged to bat each player in each position in the batting order over the course of the year and plays each player at multiple positions throughout the season.
19. One (1) Manager and up to three (3) assistant coaches will be permitted in the dugout. At least one must remain in the dugout at all times with the players.

Minors Playoff Format

Seeding for the Minors Playoffs is based on Regular season finish. Ties will be broken by head to head record. If head to head does not break the tie, same tie breaker rules apply as explained in Majors Division below. Two playoff formats listed below – 1 version for 8 team division and 1 version for 7 team division.

	8 Team Format
Game 1	#4 vs #5
Game 2	#3 vs #6
Game 3	#2 vs #7
Game 4	#1 vs #8
Game 5	Game 1 Winner vs Game 4 Winner
Game 6	Game 2 Winner vs Game 3 Winner
Game 7	Championship Game - Game 5 Winner vs Game 6 Winner

	7 Team Format
Game 1	#6 vs #7
Game 2	#3 vs #4
Game 3	#2 vs #5
Game 4	#1 vs Game 1 Winner
Game 5	Game 2 Winner vs Game 3 Winner
Game 6	Championship Game - Game 4 Winner vs Game 5 Winner