

TC House League Baseball Rules Summary

GENERAL RULES	Little Turtles 1	Little Turtles 2	Jr. T-Ball	Sr. T-Ball	Rookie	Mosquito	Pee Wee/ Bantam
AGE	3	4	5	6	7, 8	9, 10	11,12, 13, 14
PITCHING DISTANCE	n/a				44 ft.		50 ft.
BASE DISTANCE	60 ft.				65 ft.		75 ft.
HOME PLATE SIZE	18"				21"		18"
INNINGS	2	2	5			6	
INNING RUN LIMIT	N/A (bat entire team each inning)				5		
LAST INNING UNLIMITED	N/A (bat entire team each inning)				Yes		
COMPLETE GAME	N/A				5		6
MERCY RULE	N/A				No		
TIME LIMIT/ Curfew?	60 mins		No inning shall start after 1 hr 30mins from scheduled game start. Hard stop at 1hr 50mins.				
GAME PLAY							
INFIELD FLY	No				Yes		
BATTING ORDER	Everyone Bats; Last Batter				All dressed, continuous		
PLAYER POSITIONS	Rotate All				11	9, min 7	
PLAYER SUBSTITUTION	N/A		Free				
DEFENSIVE INNINGS PER POSITION	1 max until every other player has played					3 max	
PRE-GAME INFIELD PRACTICE	none						
UNIFORM NECESSITY (JERSEY, PANTS & HAT)	Yes						
SHORTS PERMITTED?	No						
SHOE CLEATS?	Running Shoes		Cleats recommended		Cleats, no metal		
HELMETS AND CHIN STRAPS	Yes						
PITCHER HELMET?	YES					NO	
RAIN DELAY	30 min from Thunder and/or lightning						
REQUIRED CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION	min. 2 hours; watch website Diamond Status.						
GAME START GRACE	15 min.						
BATTING							
BUNTING	No					Yes	
STARTING AT BAT COUNT	N/A				0 - 0		
PITCHING							
PITCHER SUBSTITUTION	N/A					no re-entry as pitcher	
PITCH AND CATCH IN THE SAME GAME?	N/A					Yes; Combo of 3 innings Max.	
ALLOWABLE INNINGS PITCHED PER AGE (MAX.)	N/A					2	
PITCH COUNT	N/A					<i>See Baseball Ontario rules</i> - 70 max in 1 day or game; cannot pitch next day - any combo of 45 in one day req's 2 night rest - not in 3 consecutive days - intent is to have multiple different players pitch each new game.	<i>See Baseball Ontario rules</i> - 80 max in 1 day or game; cannot pitch next day - any combo of 55 in one day req's 2 night rest - not in 3 consecutive days - intent is to have multiple different players pitch each new game.
BALKS CALLED	N/A					No	
INTENTIONAL WALK	N/A					No	Yes
MAX TRIPS TO THE MOUND BEFORE MANDATORY PITCHING CHANGE	N/A					2	
MAX HIT BATTERS/ PITCHER	N/A					2 in same inning or 3/game	
BASE RUNNING							
STEALING	N/A				No	Yes; ball crossing the plate	
STEALING HOME	N/A				No		Yes
STEALING FIRST (dropped 3rd strike)	N/A				No		Yes
LEADING OFF	N/A				No		Yes
PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE BASE,	N/A				Ball crossing plate		ANY TIME
SLIDING	N/A				Yes		
SLIDING INTO 1st (advancing)					No		
SLIDING HEAD FIRST (advancing)	N/A				No		Yes
OVER THROW ADVANCE	N/A				permitted; max to 3rd base		unlimited
ADVANCE PAST 3rd (to score)	N/A				must be hit or forced; no advance on overthrow ball still in outfield; ok to run		unlimited