

FLOWING WELLS CONTINENTAL LITTLE LEAGUE

LOCAL LEAGUE GROUND RULES

MINI-MINORS DIVISION

Mini-Minors Division is a recreational, instructional and non-competitive baseball division. Emphasis is on developing baseball skills and providing players with the opportunity to develop socially as a member of a team. Any behavior contrary to this philosophy will not be accepted.

1. Every player on the roster is in the batting order. Every team will end their inning at bat after 3 outs or 5 runners have crossed the plate.
2. Each team must have 9 players to start and finish a game. If a team cannot meet this requirement, the manager will borrow player(s) from the opposing team to fill out a defensive lineup.
3. Ten (10) defensive players are allowed on the field, with the tenth player in the outfield.
4. Team uniforms will consist of a team shirt (tucked in), team hat (bill in front) and baseball pants. All male players must wear hard protective cups during play. Protective cups are strongly suggested for female players. Players are to wear only League issued uniforms.
5. All players will be rotated through the various infield and outfield positions throughout the season. An exception can be made for a player who requests not to play a particular position. Managers and coaches are instructed to attempt to equalize playing time for all players.
6. The home team shall occupy the third base dug-out, the visitors shall occupy the first base dug-out.
7. Runners are limited to one base on an overthrow, at the runners risk. If the ball is batted in the outfield can run around the bases at his own risk.
8. There is no "must slide" rule. The runner may slide to avoid the tag while avoiding collision.
9. Duration of each game shall be no more than 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes long. No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 15 minutes .
10. Every player will wear a helmet with a face mask for batting. No helmets with an open face will be used in games and practice.
11. If a player is ejected from the game, he/she must stay in the dug-out until the game is completed or may be escorted from the field by his/her parent or guardian.
12. One Umpire from each team will officiate the game--one at home plate and one on the field .Home plate Umpire will count pitches, call foul balls and call outs at home and third base.
13. The batter will have 7 pitches in order to hit the ball or he/she is out. On the 7th pitch if it is a foul ball the batter will get another pitch. After the 7th pitch if he/she strikes at the ball and misses he/she is out, or if after the 7th pitch if he/she watches the ball go by he/she is out.
14. Batter must hit the ball to advance. There are no walks.
15. Manager/coach may pitch standing or kneeling, but one foot must be touching the mound rubber.

16. There will be one (1) manager and three (3) coaches allowed in the dug-out only. No other parents may be allowed in the dug-out. Manager and coaches must have a volunteer application turned in and be approved by the Board.
17. The catcher will be positioned at a distance safely back from home plate. Catchers equipment includes : catchers helmet with mask and hanging throat guard, chest protector, shin guards, catchers mitt, and a hard cup.
18. Offensively3 coaches are allowed on the field...1 pitching and 1 each at 1st and 3rd1 in dug-out
Defensively.....2 coaches are allowed on the field...shallow outfield and deeper outfield. 2 in dug-out
19. The home team is responsible for setting up the field, and responsible of having one person in the snack bar. The visiting team will tear down the field. Both teams will clean up their dug-outs.
20. No score shall be kept for a Mini-Minor game. Scorebooks may be utilized to record playing time and positions played., however, managers and coaches are strictly forbidden to advise the children of a score. The purpose of the division is instructional not competitive.
21. There are no on deck batters in Mini-Minors.
22. Thrown Bat Discipline (same game, same batter) :
First time.....batter receives a teaching discussion about the danger
Second time.....batter is called out
Third time.....batter is benched for the remainder of game
23. Umpires shall maintain count of 5 runners passing home plate per inning or 3 outs before changing sides.
24. Batter shall be the only player holding a bat.
25. Only positive cheering shall be allowed. In the event that derisive comments are directed at the opposing team from players or managers/coaches, the umpire in chief shall treat such comments as unsportsmanlike behavior. In the event that such comments are made by spectators, the umpire in chief shall have the option of suspending the game until the Board Member on duty corrects the situation. It is not the umpires job to manage the spectators. Managers and coaches are encouraged to keep fans properly informed of acceptable behavior.