

ROOKIE BALL RULES



GAME TIME

- The game will last 3 innings or 45 minutes. The game ends after the home team completes batting for the 3rd time.

DEFENSIVE ALIGNMENT

- All players should be on the field. Please space them out for social distancing at least 6 feet apart.

HITTING

- The coach will pitch the ball 3 times, after the 3rd failed attempt; the ball will be hit from a tee that is set at home plate.

BATTING ORDER

- All players will be in the batting order and bat in the rotation determined by the coach. Coaches must rotate the batting order on a game-to-game basis.
- Each team will bat all of their batting order per inning.

RETIRING THE SIDE

- The side will be retired when all of the batting order has batted.

BASE RUNNING

- Runners must stay in contact with the bases until the ball is hit. One base is allowed on an infield hit. The runner may advance one base per hit.
- Runners may not advance on errant throws to any base.
- When the last batter of the inning has hit the ball, he or she shall touch all the bases with all runners in front crossing home plate.
- There will be no sliding, leads or stealing.

STRIKE OUTS

- There are no strikeouts. All players will get 5 swings. The coach will assist team member on 5th swing to make sure he/she hits a fair ball.

HITTING

- Full swings must be taken. No bunting allowed

It is the coach's responsibility to teach and encourage all players. Show sportsmanship and fairness to all involved. The example you set as a coach will be an important one for the players to follow.

The League City Parks Recreation Department thanks you for your continued efforts and support of the baseball program!