

# Spring '12 T-Ball Division PLAYING RULES

## Chino Hills Little League

### T-Ball Local Rules

Revised 01/20/12

The 2012 Little League Baseball Official Rule Book shall be used as the official rules guidelines. Some rules have been modified to meet the needs of our local league. Final interpretation of any rule(s) shall be the responsibility of the Chino Hills Board of Directors:

1. There shall be a drop-dead time limit of 1 hour **from the start time of the game.**
  - a. Managers are obligated to play for the entire allotted time period and are not permitted to terminate a game prior to the drop dead time for any reasons unless otherwise authorized by the Division Vice President or other CHLL board member.
2. Baseballs used during games must carry the words Little League T-Ball.
3. Bases shall be 60 feet apart.
4. All defensive players may be placed on the field with up to eight (8) players permitted in the infield and any remaining rostered players in the outfield.
  - a. Managers are expected to rotate infielders and outfielders every inning.
  - b. Defensive players may not play an infield position for more than two (2) consecutive innings.
5. A player in the pitching position must remain in the pitcher's circle until the ball is hit.
  - a. The center of the pitching circle shall be 40 feet from the back edge of home plate.
  - b. The pitching circle should have a radius of approximately 3 feet.
6. The batting order shall consist of all rostered players. Please allow all batters to hit per inning.
7. A ball hit by the batter shall be considered "in play" only if it is placed within the foul lines and travels at least 5 feet from home plate.
8. After the first attempt at an out, if unsuccessful, a ball is considered dead once the defensive player has gained control. Runners shall be held at the base last attained when the ball was declared dead.
9. Players shall not advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base on any overthrows to 1<sup>st</sup> base. Any overthrow to any other base, the runner will be awarded one base only, at the offensive manager's discretion. If a ball is hit into the outfield, base runners may advance extra bases until the ball is returned into the infield.
10. No leads. Coaches are encouraged to keep defensive players from obstructing the runner's base path.
11. There shall be absolutely no sliding.
12. No coach pitching.

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13. No more than three (3) defensive coaches are permitted on the field at any one time. At least one manager or coach shall be in the dugout at all times.

14. No on-deck batters are permitted.

15. Please keep the dugout gates closed at all times during play except when changing sides, when a runner is returning to the dugout, or when a player is the next batter.

16. Both teams are responsible for supplying one (1) new game ball.

17. No standings will be kept and no official scorekeeping shall be allowed.

18. No food, gum, sunflower seeds or beverages (other than a sports drink or water) are allowed in the dugout and no food, gum, sunflower seeds or beverages are allowed on the playing field.

19. Dugouts are to be kept clear of cans, glass bottles, food, candy, etc. and must be cleaned after each game.

20. First aid kits must be kept in the dugouts at all times during games and practice.

21. Post-game meetings must be held outside of the dugouts so as to allow the next game to begin on time.

22. Emergency cards/medical release must be present at all team functions. Random audits will be conducted to ensure compliance.

25. **Rainy Day Procedures:** Fields at Community Park cannot be used for practices or games until the City of Chino Hills gives their approval. The field at Los Serranos must have the approval of the League President or his/her designee. The Field Maintenance Officer will provide a report to the President. If the Field Maintenance Officer is unavailable, the Safety Officer and then the Umpire in Chief will make a recommendation to the league president. If a team practices and/or plays without approval, the manager may be suspended for one game. LS is closed when Community Park is closed unless you receive approval from the President to use LS. A scheduled game is considered a rainout only if the city has closed the fields. Every attempt will be made to reschedule all rained out games. If an additional date is not identified a future nonconference game between the two teams will become a conference game. If the two teams involved have already played their non-conference game and an additional date cannot be acquired the game will result in a 6-6 tie. In the event one of the teams involved already has two (2) "rainout ties" the league will make an extreme effort to reschedule, to include delaying the start of playoffs if necessary. In all cases a re-scheduled game is not considered optional, failure to play may result in forfeiture. All forfeitures are considered and voted upon by our board of directors. If both teams fail to fill at least 9 players for the make-up game, it could be considered a double forfeit.

Field Conditions Hotline: 909 364-2738

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#### **Composite Bats**

The moratorium on composite-barreled baseball bats remains in effect. However, some composite-barreled baseball bats that have been proven in laboratory testing to meet the BPF (Bat Performance Factor) standard throughout the life of the bat, through the Accelerated Break-In (ABI) process, have received waivers. The approved bats can be found at:

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/approvedcompbatssmall.htm>