

CHLL T-Ball Rules 2023

The following rules are guidelines the managers agreed upon on how to conduct our games. Please remember the goals of this division are to teach the children how to play the game of baseball, to develop their baseball skills, to instill a sense of teamwork and team play, and to have fun. This level is predominantly a 5- and 6-year-old league.

If you have any questions or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your commissioner or the CHLL Board immediately.

1. Team Size – generally 7-9 players per team at this level; not all defensive positions need to be filled. No catcher allowed.

2. Coaches on the field:

- Defensive team: Two adult coaches are allowed on the field to instruct the players while on defense. Each coach must remain in the outfield.

- Offensive team: Three adult coaches are allowed on the field when their team is batting; one in the 1st base coach's box, one in the 3rd base coach's box. A coach may remain by the batter to assist the batter with their batting stance and to begin the play.

- All coaches must be approved by the CHLL Board and must complete background checks.

3. Base stealing is not allowed.

4. Lead-offs are not allowed.

5. Continuous batting is used for every game. This means that all players on the team are inserted into the batting order. If there are 12 players, then a batting order with 12 slots will exist. Please rotate the last batter throughout the season.

6. All players will bat each inning. Only once through the order. No strikeouts.

7. Players must hit with an approved "USABat" per Little League rules.

8. If a batter throws their bat they should be given a warning from the coaches.

9. No outs – even if the runner is forced out, tagged out, or a fly ball is caught. Kids remain on the bases.

10. On a ball hit to the outfield the runner may advance until the ball is in the proximity of the pitching mound or the base ahead of the lead runner.

11. All games will be 3 innings unless both coaches agree to an extra inning. Try to keep the game to an hour.

Lightning Safety

Discretion should be used at all times regardless of indicator warnings. It is the responsibility of the two managers to officially suspend games when lightning is spotted in the area.

At any point during the season, the CHLL Board reserves the right to alter, add or eliminate certain rules, if it's determined that it will better serve the league.