**Rising Sun Little League**

**T-Ball Local Rules**

**2021 Season**

**General**

1. The manager and/or coaches must be present at every practice and game. Managers must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Managers are responsible for seeing that only authorized team members and coaches are in the practice and/or playing area, including the dugout, during the games. No more than five (5) approved coaches and/or managers are allowed in the playing area. Anyone assisting with a team’s practice or game must be approved by the Board of Directors. As part of this process, each volunteer MUST submit a volunteer application, a government issued photo ID and pass the background check. Participation cannot start until the manager has been notified of approval.

**Players**

1. All players must wear a complete Little League uniform as issued by the League. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Uniforms consist of a t-shirt and hat, if parents wish to purchase pants they should be white. Players must not wear jewelry except for medical alert.
2. Any manager having a player injured requiring treatment will need to inform the Safety Officer immediately. The Injury Tracking Report Form (available on-line and in the light room at the town complex) must be completed and submitted to the Safety Officer within 48 hours. All incidents that require a manager to file an incident report will require a written note from the player’s parent giving approval for the player to return to practice or game. If the player required professional medical treatment, the injured player must present a non-restrictive medical release to the manager prior to being allowed in a game or practice. The manager must submit the non-restrictive medical release to the Safety Officer.  Failure to follow this rule may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

**The Game**

1. The home team dugout will be the third base dugout.
2. T Ball Games will be scheduled for I hour and fifteen minutes.
3. There is no “on-deck” circle. Under no circumstances is any player to swing a bat except while at bat. If a player violates this rule, they are subject to “removal” from the game.
4. All equipment other than bats will be located inside the dugout. The bats will be outside of the dugout.
5. There must be at least one APPROVED adult in the dugout when occupied by players.
6. Managers are responsible for keeping a record of attendance and playing time.
7. There is no player pool in the T-Ball Division. If a team does not have enough players to field a team for a game (9), they may play with less than 9/team. Players are not to be LOANED to the opposing team.
8. There is no division championship in the T-Ball Division.
9. There is no all-star team in the T-Ball Division.
10. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, all players, managers, and coaches are required to shake hands at the end of each game. Managers, coaches and players not complying with this rule will face immediate suspension.
11. Managers are URGED to get all players rotated so each player gets infield as well as outfield playing time.
12. An inning will consist of:
    1. Batting through the entire roster, regardless of the number of outs made by the offensive team.
    2. When an out is made, that player must leave the field.
    3. Defensive players are to remain on the field until the last play of the inning is completed
    4. The infield consists of 6 players, all others are to play outfield positions and remain in the grass.
    5. After a ball is hit, the batter and base runners may advance until the initial play is attempted at any base.
13. Gates are to remain closed during games.
14. Catchers must wear all protective gear during a game.
15. HOME TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PREPARE THE FIELD FOR THE GAME (RAKE, DRAG, LINE ETC). THE VISITING TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIELD REPAIRS AFTER THE GAME (FILL IN HOLES, REPLACE MATS, TURN OFF LIGHTS IF NO GAME TO FOLLOW, ETC).

**The Fields**

1. There shall be no Sunday practice before 1:00 pm. There will be no practices on any field during Field Day activities. Practice may resume once Field Day work is complete, AS LONG AS THAT TEAM HAS PARTICIPATED IN FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES THAT DAY. Managers found practicing while field days are in progress will be suspended their next two (2) games.
2. Any field can be closed to practice because of “field conditions”. Once a field is closed, it is not to be used until reopened by the Field Manager.
3. Managers cannot make decisions on canceling or rescheduling games. Minor division games will not be rescheduled by the league. IN CASE OF LIGHTNING PLEASE CONSULT LIGHTNING PROCEDURE. Cancellation of games because of weather will be made by the approved Board of Director member. For cancellations check the RSLL Website [www.risingsunlittleleague.org](http://www.eteamz.com/risingsunlittleleague/) or call 410-658-6092 for the latest information.
4. At the completion of each game, both teams involved will be responsible for cleaning their own dugout, dumping contents of the trash receptacles into the dumpsters. The home team will be responsible for pre-game field work (drag, rake, line, etc.). The visiting team is responsible for post game field repairs-raking, fill in holes, etc. This must be done even if a game follows on that field. After the LAST scheduled game on that field, the visiting team is responsible for removing bases and installing plugs, also extinguishing lights and locking gates as well as buildings used for this game, Team managers not adhering to this rule may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.