

# City of Clovis Recreation

## Tiny Sluggers League

### Rules and Regulations

#### Outcomes of the Program:

- To teach skills, build character, and have fun.
- To have fair play and sportsmanship!

*We can have fun by building character through teaching skills. Remember: This is a positive learning experience. SHOUT PRAISE, WHISPER CRITICISM!!!*

The City of Clovis Recreation reserves the right to modify these rules at any time. California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) rules for the current year will be used for all games with the following exceptions:

#### **I. GAME**

1. The game will consist of 1 hour of play OR 7 full innings.
2. Umpire will be provided.
3. No Overtime Play

#### **II. EQUIPMENT**

- T's and Balls will be provided for each game.
- Helmets and bats available game day and during practice.

#### **III. REQUIRED PLAYING TIME:** Every child on the roster MUST play based on the rules below:

1. Each player must play at least 2 innings of defense AND offense (without being subbed out)
2. No players can be benched from playing
3. Coaches are responsible for substitutions
4. Players that arrive late will be added to the bottom of the batting order and will STILL be required to play the required time.

#### **V. SCORE**

1. Score will be kept, however standings will not.
2. If a team is up by 20 runs, scorekeeper will stop adding runs.
3. There will be NO playoffs or extra innings for this league

#### **VI. OFFENSE**

1. Coaches will toss players **3 pitches**, if they are unsuccessful with the toss they will have two opportunities to hit the ball off a batting tee.
2. Foul balls will count toward pitch count, unless it is the last ball hit off the tee, in which case the player will get another swing.

3. All players on roster present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively or not. All late arriving players must be placed at bottom of line-up.
4. The half inning is over when ALL PLAYERS have batted.
5. There is no bunting.
6. The batter and all base runners must wear a helmet on the field.
7. The tee must totally cover home plate. The batter must be in proper batting position in the batter's box. Batters may not be purposely "lined up" down the first or third base lines.
8. The offensive coach/umpire at home plate may adjust the tee height for each batter.
9. A batted ball must travel beyond the designated arc in order to be considered a live ball.
10. If a batter hits part of the ball and part of the tee, the ball is live if it travels past the arc. If a batter hits all tee or the ball does not go past the arc, it is a foul ball.
11. A warning will be given to a batter that throws their bat. It is up to the umpire to decide if a bat has been thrown. An out will result with the 2nd thrown bat by the same player.
12. BASERUNNING:
  - a. A base runner will be called out if he runs more than 3 feet out of base line to avoid being tagged unless his action is to avoid interference with a fielder fielding a batted ball
  - b. A base runner that interferes with a fielder making a play, even in the baseline, is out.
  - c. No stealing bases.
  - d. One base is allowed runner(s) on an errant throw that goes into foul territory.

## **VIII. DEFENSE**

1. Defense is only permitted beyond pitchers mound.
2. All players who arrive by game time must play at least one inning of outfield and at least one inning of infield. For this rule, catcher shall count as an infield position. Players cannot play the same position for consecutive innings. Example: a player cannot play SS on defense in the 1st and 2nd inning. A player can play SS on defense in the 1st and 3rd inning.
3. Coaches will be allowed to be on the field with the players.

## **X. DRESS CODE**

- Players must wear the uniform provided by the City of Clovis Recreation.
- Uniforms should be tucked in and pants should be worn properly (on the hips).
- Headgear for medical, cosmetic, or religious reasons may be permitted, provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous, to any other player and which is attached in such a way it will come off during play. The Recreation staff or official will rule on any headgear.
- NO jewelry of any kind.

## **XI. COACHES CONDUCT**

- A. Coaches are very important role models for children in athletics. It is the coaches' responsibility to develop self-esteem, confidence, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude in the children that he/she coaches. Setting good examples for the children to follow can only do this. A goal of The City of Clovis is to have all of the coaches working within our programs setting good examples.
- B. Coaches should always keep their tempers in control and watch their conduct around the children. This includes practices, games, meetings, or any other City of Clovis Recreation activity. The City of Clovis Recreation will take whatever actions necessary to ensure that all coaches display proper conduct.
- C. Any coach who is ejected from a game will also be suspended during the team's next scheduled game. Also the right to coach a future team can be denied. (To be determined by The City of Clovis Recreation.)
- D. Coaches will be allowed to be on the field with players when in DEFENSE, but we ask that coaches stay in their designated 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> coaching boxes while on OFFENSE.
- E. If coaches or spectators display unsportsmanlike conduct during a game, they will be asked to leave after the first warning. Yelling at officials, players, or staff will not be tolerated.
- F. If you are ejected a second time, this will result in being banned from the Tiny Sluggers League.

## **XII. SPECTATOR CONDUCT**

- A. If parents or spectators from a particular team display unsportsmanlike conduct during a game, their team will be given a technical foul on the bench. It is important that coaches explain this to their parents/spectators. Yelling at officials, players, or staff will not be tolerated. Coaches need to help keep parents/spectators cheering for the players and not yelling at officials so as not to take away from the child's experience.
- B. Spectators are permitted to sit on designated bleachers along each foul line. Spectators are not allowed to sit, stand or pace along other areas of the field including the sideline opposite of team beaches.
- C. ONLY COACHES may be on the field with the players.

## **XIII. PROTESTS**

- A. Every attempt should be made to handle situation before filing an official protest with The City of Clovis Recreation.