

Tucson Mountain Little League

Mini-Minor Rules

The Mini-Minor Division is an instructional program by which players learn, develop and practice fundamentals of baseball and softball without the pressure of older players. It is non-competitive and official scoring and standings are not kept.

- 1. Eligibility:** Anyone reaching age 7 by August 1 through age 9 is eligible to play. Seven year olds will be placed in this division based on their skill level. Nine year olds will be placed in this division if they have no previous baseball or softball experience.
- 2. Team Selection:** Assignment will be made by the Commissioner and Player Agent.
- 3. Fielders:** Ten defensive players are allowed in the field. Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field.
- 4. Batting Line-Up:** All players present must be in the line-up. Players must play at least 6 defensive outs each game. During the first half of the season the team is retired after 10 batters. During the second half of the season the team is retired after 3 outs or 10 batters whichever occurs first.
- 5. Pitching By Coach:** During the first half of the season the coach pitches three times if the ball isn't hit then the tee is used.
- 6. Pitching By Player:** The second half of the season the players pitch instead of the coach. The pitching distance is 40 feet. Pitcher pitches three balls and if not hit then the Coach pitches 2 additional pitches. If the batter does not hit additional pitches by coach then that batter is retired.
- 7. Pitching Limit:** Pitchers are limited to 6 innings per week a maximum of 2 innings per game.
- 8. Walks & Strike Outs:** There are no walks or strike outs. Defensive fielded outs are the only type of outs.
- 9. Stealing Bases:** No stealing of bases is permitted anytime.
- 10. Score Keeping:** Unofficial score keeping is permitted ONLY the second half of the season. No official scoring and/or standings are kept.
- 11. Time Limit:** Games shall last one and one half (1 ½) hour the first half of the season and one hour and forty-five minutes (1 ¾) hours the second half.
- 12. Umpires:** Coaches in the field act as umpires. Protests or heated arguments will NOT be tolerated.