



# 2020 Tracy Express 12U Playing Rules



<b>Base Distance</b> 60 Feet	<b>Pitching Distance</b> 40 Feet	<b>Ball Size</b> 12 Inch
<b>Batting</b> Continuous Batting Order	<b>Standings Kept</b> Yes	<b>Run Limit</b> 5 Runs Up Rule. 4 <sup>th</sup> inning and on unlimited runs
<b>Players on the Field</b> 9 Maximum or 7 minimum	<b>Bunting</b> Yes	<b>Sliding</b> Yes
<b>Umpires</b> Yes	<b>Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike</b> Yes	<b>Pitching Limit</b> 3 Innings per game per pitcher including TOC
<b>Time Limit &amp; Inning Limit</b> No new inning to start after 1 hour 20 minutes OR a 6 innings, whichever comes first.		
<b>Stealing</b> Yes.		
<b>Hit By Pitch</b> If a pitcher hits 3 batters in any one inning then the pitcher must be replaced for the remainder of that inning. The pitcher may return, but if she hits a total of 5 batters in the course of the game, she must be removed and cannot return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.		
<b>Illegal Pitching:</b> Illegal pitches will be called and enforced by the umpires for the whole season. One (1) warning shall be given by an Umpire to a pitcher per game. Further illegal pitches will be enforced by rule (Rule 6A Sec. 11).		
<b>Tournament of Champions Play</b> Yes- no new inning to start after 1 hour 45 minutes (Championship Game Only) or 7 innings, whichever comes first.		
<b>Tiebreaker Rule- TOC ONLY</b> The last batter of the previous inning will go to second base at the start of their team's bat. This will continue each inning until there is a winner. Team that scores most runs after a completed inning is the winner. For example, if the number five batter is to lead off, the number four batter in the batting order is placed on second base.		
<b>Overthrow Rule to Any Base</b> *Once the ball is hit into play, the runners can advance on over throws until the pitcher has the ball secured in the pitcher's circle. * Example scenario- runner is on 1 <sup>st</sup> base and the ball is pitched and the batter hits the ball in fair territory to the SS, the SS throws the ball to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> baseman, but overthrows the target. The runner can advance to 3 <sup>rd</sup> and even home IF the ball has not been controlled in the pitcher's circle by the pitcher.		
<b>Rules Specific To This Division (Below)</b>		
<b>Minimum Number of Players</b> If a player is late to a game, and her team has not batted through the lineup completely, she is allowed to be added to the bottom of the lineup regardless of the number of players her team has. If a player shows up late to a game and her team has batted through the lineup completely, she will not be allowed to play unless her team only has 9 players. If the late player is allowed to play, she may not pitch in the game.		
<b>Offensive and Defensive Conferences</b> Offensive and Defensive Conferences will be monitored by the Home Plate Umpire and limited to one (1) Offensive Conference per inning and three (3) Defensive Conferences per seven (7) innings, in accordance with USA Rule 5 Section 7 – "Conferences."		