



# 2020 Tracy Express 8U Playing Rules



<b>Base Distance</b> 50 Feet	<b>Pitching Distance</b> 30 Feet	<b>Ball Size</b> 10 Inch soft
<b>Batting</b> Continuous Batting Order	<b>Standings Kept</b> Yes	<b>Run Limit</b> 4 runs rule (no ups)
<b>Players on the Field</b> 10 Maximum or 7 minimum	<b>Bunting</b> No	<b>Sliding</b> Yes
<b>Umpires</b> Yes	<b>Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike</b> No	<b>Pitching Limit</b> 2 Innings per game per pitcher
<b>Time Limit &amp; Inning Limit</b> No new inning to start after 1 hour 15 minutes OR a 6 innings, whichever comes first.		
<b>Stealing</b> No.		
<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. If the pitch hits the ground before crossing the plane of Home Plate, the ball is considered a dead ball and therefore if the ball bounces or rolls into the batter it <b>is not</b> a “Hit by Pitch” *If a batter gets hit by a player pitch, the batter takes first base, unless bases are loaded. If the batter gets hit by a pitch with bases loaded the count will clear and the batter will get maximum of three pitches from Coach pitch.		
<b>Equipment on the Field:</b> All infield positions must wear a defensive mask, <i>no exceptions.</i>		
<b>Stopping of Play</b> 1. A play is over when the pitcher controls the ball inside the sixteen-foot pitching circle. On any hit to the outfield, once the ball reaches the infield and is controlled in the base line by defensive player, play is dead, Runners, if half way to next base may proceed but may be sent back by the umpire.		
<b>Tournament of Champions Play</b> No.		
<b>Tiebreaker Rule</b> N/A		
<b>Overthrow Rule to Any Base</b> Players may advance 1 base on an overthrow, players will not be allowed to advance to home, from 3rd base.		
<b>Rules Specific To This Division (Below)</b>		
<b>After Four Balls</b> *Badged Coach will assume the count and must pitch from the pitching rubber (30 Feet). *No warm up pitches from Coach. * Unlimited fouls for each batter until ball is put in play or player is out. *The coach pitching must remain within the circle without interfering with the play until play has ended signaled by the umpire. *During Coach pitch the defensive pitcher must remain in the 16-foot circle until the ball is put into play.		
<b>Coaches on Field - Defense</b> *A maximum of 2 defensive coaches may occupy the field while team is on defense without interfering with play. * Coaches are NOT allowed behind the umpire during play with the exception of silently assisting the catcher with passed balls. This coach shall be one of the two defensive coaches allowed on the field as stated above. Remaining defensive coach should be within the field of play behind outfielders” A coach behind the catcher assisting with passed balls is subject to ejection for any comments made.		