

# GRAND TERRACE LITTLE LEAGUE RULES 2025 SEASON



# CONDUCT AND RULES

## 1. League Conduct Policy:

- 1.1. There is zero tolerance for any kind of verbal or physical violence within GTLL or any degrading verbal communication towards another “individual” on or off the field of play. This shall include disruptions to the League by email, or social media, or telephone/text messages. An “individual” shall be a player, parent, manager, coach, umpire or any official in a game regardless of age as well as a Board Member for this or any other league. This conduct shall be recognized and adhered to towards the same “individuals” in other Leagues that GTLL may be inter-leaguering with at home or away games.
- 1.2. If any action listed above or has not been listed but is considered an act of verbal/physical violence or communication towards another, it shall be at the discretion of the GTLL Board Members to take necessary actions to deal with such issues that may arise. These necessary actions can include, but not limited to, a warning, game suspension(s), or complete removal from the league as a parent, board member, volunteer, or league member in good standing. If necessary, a special meeting of the disciplinary committee will be called to deal with the action.
- 1.3. A Disciplinary Committee shall be a committee of 4 GTLL Board Members, named by the President. In the instance the league President is involved, follow Robert’s Rules. The findings of the Disciplinary Committee will follow Section 19 in its entirety and be presented to GTLL Board Members for implementation at the next regular called meeting. A suspension can/will be issued by the league President immediately if needed until Disciplinary Committee and Board can meet. Managers are ultimately responsible for the conduct of their team, players, coaches, and parents. If any person does not comply with, and sign, the general code of conduct sheet to abide by the correct behavior, it shall be the manager’s responsibility to ensure those individuals are made known of the proper conduct and abide by all rules and regulations set forth by GTLL and Little League International. Violence, whether it is verbal/physical or degrading verbal actions has no place in any youth sports league. We, as adults, are here to be positive role models, influence great behavior, and set an example of good citizenship for those in our youth programs.

## 2. Uniforms:

- 2.1. League issued uniforms may not be altered, unless approved by the board.
- 2.2. Last name shall be allowed on a team-by-team basis with the entire team participating.
- 2.3. All players will be required to be in full uniform to play in any scheduled game. Any player who is not in full uniform shall not play.
  - 2.3.1. Full uniform is outlined as league provided jersey and pants.
- 2.4. League provided uniform consists of hat/headband and a uniform top.
- 2.5. Regular season and All-Star teams that would like to use alternate jerseys or uniforms must have approval from the Board of Directors.
- 2.6. Players may wear jackets or sweatshirts while batting if a player number is visible and not obstructed from plain view.

### **3. Field Conduct All Divisions:**

3.1. **Field Prep:** Home Team is responsible to prep field. Home Team will place bases out on field for first game of the day and remove bases and place in storage after the last game of the day. It is the Visiting Team's responsibility to make sure the mound is placed out on the field and the mound is ready for the first game of the day as well as to place the mound in the storage unit after the final game.

#### **3.2. Official Scorekeeping and Pitch Count:**

3.2.1. **Official Scorekeeping:** The Visiting Team will keep the official league scorebook. All original line-ups from plate umpire are to be attached to the corresponding pitch count records for that game and placed in pitch count binder.

3.2.2. **Official Pitch Count:** The Home Team will keep the pitch count for the game. The pitch count form is kept in the pitch count binder in the snack bar. If pitch count from each game is not in pitch count binder, it will be assumed that all pitchers in that game pitched their maximum. The official league scorekeeper and pitch count taker must be behind home plate during the game and will refrain from communicating with either team (players or coaches) unless umpire approves.

3.3. **Field Prep, Official Scorekeeping and Pitch Count Non-Compliant Policy:** Teams that do not participate in field prep or provide an official scorekeeper or pitch count keeper will be subject to progressive discipline.

3.3.1.1. First offense the manager will receive a warning.

3.3.1.2. Second offense the manager will receive a one-game suspension.

3.3.1.3. Three or more offenses the manager will be subject to a disciplinary committee meeting with the board of directors

4. Teams may keep their own score in their dugout during the game. All team scorebooks must be kept in the dugout from farm division and up. Protests or objections to outs, game score, plays, etc. can only be made if a paper /electronic scorebook is used by the team and kept in the dugout. All Little League® approved scorebooks allowed when coaching.
5. Manager/Coach will not criticize players in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for private, or in the presence of the team.
6. Manager/Coach will accept decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
7. Manager/Coach will not criticize the opposing team, the coaches, umpires or fans, by word of mouth or gesture.
8. Manager/Coach will emphasize that winning of a game is a result of "teamwork".
9. Manager/coach will refrain from using abusive or profane language.
10. Manager/coach will set an example in personal appearance at all times.
11. Anyone who throws a helmet, bat or equipment of any kind may be removed from the game.
12. Players are not allowed to leave the field, or the dugout areas, prior to or during a game. (Exception: In case a player has to use the restroom with the permission of Manager or Coach who will then notify the Umpire.)
13. Managers/Coaches are not allowed to leave the field or dugout areas during a game. (Exception: After Umpire approval)
14. No food in the dugout or the playing field with the exception of a water for all players.
15. The Manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's coaches, players, spectators, members, and volunteers. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall

not be permitted.

16. Manager/Coach will appoint someone from each team to be the pitch counter, who will confirm with the official scorekeeper after each completed inning. Umpire will settle all discrepancies.

17. No spectators will be allowed to coach, signal, or distract players at any time, or speak to coaches, the official scorekeeper or pitch counter. In addition, they will not be within the yellow boundary lines.

**18. Coaching Rules All Divisions:**

18.1. Manager/Coach will refrain from “piling it on”.

18.2. When a team is up by 12 or more runs, the team cannot steal bases or advance on a passed ball.

18.2.1. Umpire/Official Scorekeeper will provide a pre-warning once the team is up by 12.

18.3. The manager is subject to progressive discipline for not adhering to this rule. At any offense, the player will be called out.

18.4. Manager/Coach will not be on the game or practice field under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

18.5. Manager/Coach will not push, shove, or strike any other coach, player or spectator during practice or games. A strike is defined as touching the body of another person in an aggressive manner with the intent to do harm or attempting to strike even though contact is not made.

18.6. Manager/Coach will take actions to prevent unsportsmanlike play.

18.7. Manager/Coach will take actions to prevent players from using profane or abusive language, cursing or gestures to taunt or harass players, officials, coaches and spectators.

18.7.1. Umpires have the right to shut down a game.

18.8. Manager/Coach will take action to prevent spectators from using profane or abusive language, cursing or gestures to taunt or harass players, officials, coaches and spectators.

18.8.1. Umpires and/or Board Members have the right to shut down a game.

18.9. Manager/Coach will not film opponents’ practices.

18.10. Manager/Coach will not coerce a player to continue after being injured.

18.11. Manager/Coach will not willfully permit an ineligible player to participate in a game.

18.12. Manager/Coach will follow the rules and guidelines set forth by Little League® Baseball Official Rule Book.

18.13. Manager/Coach will not threaten, challenge or use derogatory language toward officials on or off the field.

18.14. Manager/Coach will not push, shove, or strike a game official at any time. Strike is defined as touching the body of another person in an aggressive manner with intent to do harm or attempting to strike even though contact is not made.

18.15. If a manager refuses to play a scheduled game for any reason other than lack of players, religious event, school event or community event, they may not be eligible to coach an All-Star team.

18.16. **EJECTION:** Any manager, coach, member, spectator or league volunteer who used profanity, uses a racial remark, tries to injure, start a fight, fight, argue with an umpire, throw equipment or violate the rules and guidelines set forth in these By-Laws or Little League® Baseball, will be subject to ejection.

18.16.1. Any Manager, coach, member, spectator or league volunteer that is ejected will automatically be suspended from the competing team’s next game and practice. (LL Rule 4.07)

18.16.2. It shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Disciplinary

Committee choose whether or not to uphold Little League Rule # 4.07; Dependent upon circumstances of the ejection. The Discipline committee will meet the next league-playing day. Upon review by the Discipline Committee, the committee may add to the one game suspension.

- 18.16.3. The Discipline Committee will consist of four Board Members appointed on a case-by case basis by the League President. Each member of this panel shall have one vote with a simple majority required to approve decisions
- 18.16.4. **Appeals:** The findings of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors under certain conditions. The ejected party may only appeal to the Board of Directors if more than one game suspension is levied against him/her.
- 18.16.5. Once ejected and/or suspended from a game, the offending individual must remove themselves from the premises including but not limited to the field, grandstands and parking lot.
- 18.17. Any player who uses profanity, slurs, uses a racial remark, tries to injure, starts a fight, fights, argues with an umpire, or throws equipment will be subject to ejection by the Umpire who will discreetly notify the Manager. If the Manager doesn't remove the offending player immediately, the Umpire will eject both the offending player and the Manager.
- 18.18. Any Manager, coach, or Player ejected from a game during the regular season may not be eligible to participate on/with a Tournament Team (All-Stars), at the discretion of the Board.

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. The following supplemental rules are intended to supplement and/or emphasize the Little League Baseball/Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules. These supplemental rules are mandatory during regular season but are not applicable during post-season tournament play. Conflicts with these supplemental rules must be brought to the Grand Terrace Little League Board of Directors in writing for resolution.
  - 1.1. Postponements will be considered for valid reasons:
    - 1.1.1. Church or Religious functions
    - 1.1.2. School functions
  - 1.2. Manager must give the Player Agent and Division Representative at least 72 hours' notice when this occurs. The division representative will notify both managers if a postponement occurs.
  - 1.3. Game results shall be reported by each manager and sent to the Game Coordinator and must be done within 48 hours of completion of game. If the pitch count is not turned in, it will be assumed the pitcher hit the maximum pitch count. Information to be reported for each game is to include teams played, division, score, number of innings played, and number of pitches thrown by each pitcher.
  - 1.4. A manager whose team is ten runs or more behind must concede a game in accordance with the TEN/FIFTEEN RUN RULE option. Reference Official Playing Rule.
  - 1.5. Pitching regulations are clearly defined within Official Little League® Playing Rules. GTLL officials reserve the right to audit pitching records and take appropriate action to ensure regulations are being followed. Failure to comply with pitching limitations shall be grounds for protest and manager suspension.
  - 1.6. Protests shall be made in accordance with Official Little League® Playing Rules. Reference Official Playing Rule: Protests against violations, or interpretations of the

playing rules, or the use of an ineligible player, are to be submitted to the league President within 24 hours of the said protest. No protests shall be considered involving an umpire's judgment.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

1. Sponsorship fee is a minimum of \$150 per team.
2. Sponsorships after the minimum requirement is met the league will retain \$25, team obtains remaining.
3. All checks will be made payable to Grand Terrace Little League or GTLL.
4. Any team with \$500 or more in sponsorships must submit to GTLL a accounting of how money was spent on the team including receipts.

## **JUNIOR BASEBALL DIVISION RULES**

1. Junior Division teams will have a minimum of nine or more players per team.
2. Standings will be on overall record that will include inter-league games. Game Time Limit: See Inter-League Rules.
3. Grand Terrace will play Inter-League play with other District 21 leagues. Grand Terrace will play under both Grand Terrace Little League By-Laws and Inter-League Rules.
4. Junior Division
5. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players and coaches. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.

## **JUNIOR SOFTBALL DIVISION RULES:**

1. Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for:
  - 1.1. "Bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: a player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired or by reaching base safely.
  - 1.2. Penalty: The player(s) involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed and the requirement for this game, before being removed.
2. No new inning after 2 hour mark. If the inning starts, then you must complete the inning.
3. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.
4. Games postponed or not completed due to weather, will be rescheduled by the Division Representative in the next available time slot.

5. Grand Terrace Junior Softball teams will play a split season as determined by the Board of Directors. The winner of the first half will play the winner of the second half in one playoff game (Unless the same team wins both halves). If a tie exists for first in either half, a playoff game to determine the first-place team for that half will be scheduled by the Division Representative and League President. The winner of that game will go on to play in the championship game. The winner of the playoff game will be declared the champion. The remainder of the standings will be based on overall record for the purposes of drafting for the following season.
6. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players and coaches. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.

### **MAJOR BASEBALL DIVISION RULES:**

1. Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for:
  - 1.1. "Bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: a player enters the batter's box with no count and completes his turn on bases.
2. No new inning after 1hr and 45 mins mark and if home doesn't win reverts to last innings.
3. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.
4. Games postponed, or not completed due to weather, will be rescheduled by the Division Representative in the next available time slot if allowed.
5. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players, coaches and spectators.  
Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.
6. Standings will be on overall record that will include inter-league games. As long as scheduled games are balanced. The Board will adjust as needed.
7. Teams can start and finish games with 8 players
  - 7.1. 9<sup>th</sup> batter will count as an out
8. Courtesy runners – allowed.
  - 8.1. Must be last out.
9. Pool Players- Managers must notify Player Agent two hours prior to scheduled game for player request. Manager must allow Player Agent One hour to get into contact with player on Pool Player list. Player Agent will pull from list- manager cannot request a certain player as pool player. Player Agent will draw name and will keep track by logbook for games played. There is no guarantee of Pool player based on availability and notice to agent. Pool Player can play age requirement within Roster Division. Pool Players will bat after roster players. Each team must provide a minimum of two pool players.
  - 9.1. Minor players will be called first then major players for each instance needed.

## **MAJOR SOFTBALL DIVISION RULES**

1. "Bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: a player enters the batter's box with no count and completes his turn on bases.
2. No new inning after 1hr and 45 mins mark and if home doesn't win reverts to last innings.
3. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.
4. Games postponed, or not completed due to weather, will be rescheduled by the Division Representative in the next available time slot if allowed.
5. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players, coaches and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.
6. Standings will be on overall record that will include inter-league games. As long as scheduled games are balanced. The Board will adjust as needed.
7. Teams can start and finish games with 8 players
  - a. 9<sup>th</sup> batter will count as an out
8. Courtesy runners – allowed.
  - a. Must be last out.
9. Pool Players- Managers must notify Player Agent two hours prior to scheduled game for player request. Manager must allow Player Agent One hour to get into contact with player on Pool Player list. Player Agent will pull from list- manager cannot request a certain player as pool player. Player Agent will draw name and will keep track by logbook for games played. There is no guarantee of Pool player based on availability and notice to agent. Pool Player can play age requirement within Roster Division. Pool Players will bat after roster players. Each team must provide a minimum of two pool players.
  - a. Minor players will be called first then major players for each instance needed.

## **ADDENDUM NO. 6 MINOR BASEBALL DIVISION RULES**

1. All players must bat during each game.
2. No new inning will start after 1 hr 30 minutes, drop dead at 1 hr 45 minutes.
3. The side is retired when three offensive players are put out. (3) Outs, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning, or when the offensive team scores
  - (5) five runs. (2017 LL Rule 4.12 Major/Minor example)
4. Courtesy runner allowed for pitcher and catcher
  - 4.2. must be last out.
5. The continuous batting order is mandatory. (2011 LL Rule 4.04 Note 1)
6. All players in the minor division must bat twice, player that does not bat twice must be put in the first six batting order in the next scheduled game.
7. Protests must be resolved before the next pitch or play. (2011 LL Rule 4.19 g)
8. Visiting team will provide the Official Scorekeeper and Home Team will keep pitch count.
9. The official scorekeeper shall be keeping score in the booth behind home plate.
10. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.
11. Games postponed or not completed der to weather will not be rescheduled.
  13. Teams can start and finish games with 8 players.
    - 11.1. 9<sup>th</sup> batter will count as a skip (not an out)
    - 11.2. Farm players will be called first then Minor players for each instance needed.
12. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's player and coaches.
13. During the first half of the season: Players may only score on a ball put in play or forced in by a walk. Runners cannot advance to home on a catcher overthrow to one base. Example – Runner steals second, runner cannot advance to third on a catcher overthrow.

## **MINOR SOFTBALL DIVISION RULES**

1. All players must bat during each game.

2. Coach pitch during the first half of the season. The player will have four swings or six pitches to put the ball in play. If the ball is not put into play on the fourth swing the player is out. If the player fouls on the fourth swing, they remain at bat.
  - The player pitcher must be in the circle during coach pitch.
3. First half of at bat must be coach pitched (must be thrown underhand) second half kid pitched. If four balls are pitched to a batter the offensive coach will pitch two pitches.
4. No new inning will start after 1 hour 15 minutes, drop dead 1 hour and thirty.
5. The side is retired when three offensive players are put out. (3) Outs, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning, or when the offensive team scores (5) five runs. (2017 LL Rule 4.12 Major/Minor example)
6. Courtesy runner allowed for pitcher and catcher
  - 6.1. must be last out
7. The continuous batting order is mandatory. (2011 LL Rule 4.04 Note 1)
8. Coaches will rotate batting order from game to game to ensure all players have an equal chance to bat. All players in the minor division must bat twice, player that does not bat twice must be put in the first six batting order in the next scheduled game.
9. Protests must be resolved before the next pitch or play. (2011 LL Rule 4.19 g)
10. Visiting team will provide the Official Scorekeeper and Home Team will keep pitch count.
11. The official scorekeeper shall be keeping score in the booth behind home plate.
12. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.
13. Games postponed or not completed due to weather will not be rescheduled.
14. Teams can start and finish games with 8 players
  - 14.1. 9<sup>th</sup> batter will count as a skip (not an out)
  - 14.2. Pool players allowed with less than 8
15. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players and coaches. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.
  1. Players are not permitted to steal home or advance on an error, passed ball or throw by the catcher during the first half of the season. Players may only score on a ball put in play or forced in by a walk.

## **T-BALL DIVISION RULES**

1. All games are sixty minutes long.
2. During the first half of the season, batter will hit off a Tee. During the second half of the season, coaches will pitch to each batter-overhand three pitches will be given then two off the tee.
3. No protests allowed.
4. Max of 10 players on the field (catcher included)
5. Two defensive coaches allowed on field.
6. Coach may assist batter.
7. Adult base coaches are allowed.
8. Defensive players assume normal positions with exception of rover in outfield.
9. Bases are set 50' in front of home plate extending towards each dugout. A batted ball must travel out of the dead ball zone to be fair.
10. One adult must remain in the dugout at all times. No more than four coaches allowed in the dugout at a time.
11. The dead ball zone is the area 10' in front of home plate extending towards each dugout. A batted ball must travel out of the dead ball zone to be fair.
12. The pitcher must stand within the pitcher's circle and the pitcher position can only be played by a player one inning per game.
13. Catcher shall remain near backstop until the ball is hit.
14. Both sides are responsible for setting up the field and cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.

15. No bunting allowed, batter must make a full swing and the ball must make it past the dead ball area.
16. The batter must not throw the bat.
17. Pitcher must be on 40' pitcher's rubber before the ball is hit.
18. Batter must stand in the normal batter's box. Coach shall not touch a base runner with the intent to move the runner to the next base.
19. The runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.
20. Stealing of bases is prohibited.
21. Games postponed or not completed due to weather will not be rescheduled.
22. No score or standing will be kept.
23. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players and coaches. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.
24. No advancing on a bad throw.
25. If a player does not bat two times in a game must be in the top 3 batting order of the next game
26. An inning will constitute three outs batting the whole order.

## **INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL DIVISION**

1. Intermediate Division teams will have a minimum of nine players per team.
2. Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time.
  - 2.1. "Six defensive outs" is defined as: a player enters the field in one (1) of the nine (9) defensive positions when his/her team is on defense and occupy such position while six (6) outs are made;
  - 2.2. "Bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: a player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired or by reaching base safely.
  - 2.3. Penalty: The player(s) involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed and the requirement for this game, before being removed.
  - 2.4. Player(s) must play two complete games per half season and absence will count as one (1) of the two (2) complete games.
3. (3) complete games.
4. Standings will be on overall record that will include inter-league games.
5. Grand Terrace will play Inter-League play with other District 21 leagues. Grand Terrace will play under both Grand Terrace Little League By-Laws and Inter-League Rules.
6. Game Time Limit: See Inter-League Rules.
7. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players and coaches. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.

## **MINOR B (FARM/COACH PITCH) BASEBALL DIVISION**

1. All players must play at least one-half game every game during the season.
2. All games are sixty minutes long.
3. First half of at bat must be coach pitched (must be thrown overhand), second half kid pitched. If four balls are pitched to a batter the offensive coach will pitch two pitches.
4. Coach pitch from a distance of 46 feet during the first half of the season. The player will have six pitches or four swings to put the ball in play. If the ball is not put in play on the fourth pitch the player is out. If the player fouls on the fourth pitch they remain at bat.
5. Each batter will be given four pitches to put the ball into play or batter will be out.
6. The side is retired when three offensive players are put out- (3) Outs, or when all players on the Roster

- have batted one time in the half-inning, or when the offensive team scores (5) runs. (2011 LL Rule 5.07)
7. The continuous batting order is mandatory. (2011 LL Rule 4.04 Note 1)
  8. Coaches will rotate batting order from game to game to ensure all players have an equal chance to bat.
  9. No stealing. Players may not advance one base on an overthrow. Home will not be taken on an overthrow. On a batted ball, after the defensive player fields and throws the ball and the thrown ball touches the dirt, the runners may not advance. If you are ½ way you may advance to the next base.
  10. No defensive coaches will be permitted on the field.
  11. No protests
  12. Visiting team will provide the Official Scorekeeper.
  13. One adult must be always in the dugout. Maximum of four adults in the dugout at any time.
  14. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their respective dugouts and bleachers.
  15. Games postponed or not completed due to weather will NOT be rescheduled.
  16. The manager is responsible for the conduct of the team's players and coaches. Unsportsmanlike conduct and yelling in a derogatory manner shall not be permitted.
  17. If a player does not bat two times in a game, they must be in the top three batting order of the next game.
  18. There will be no more than 9 players on the field at a time (including the catcher and four outfielders). No more than 5 players on the dirt.

### **All Star Teams**

1. All All-Star teams will be required to work 1 shift a total of 8 hours with a minimum of 2 adults in the Fire Works Booth. Or they can elect and purchase their all-star uniforms.
1. Coach Selection:
  - 1.1. Coaches are determined by the major division coaches in each division (baseball and softball respectively). Determination is made by final regular season standings for teams (this excludes tournament of champions play and results) in the major division.
    - 1.1.1. Example: The first-place team manager is the first selected tournament play coach/manager and is eligible to select which team they would like to manage.
    - 1.1.2. Eligible coaches and team selection are subject to final approval by the board of directors.
      - 1.1.2.1. Coaches that were subjected to a disciplinary committee meeting and/or ejected from a game may not be eligible to participate in tournament play (All-Stars) for that season.
2. The board reserves the right to final approval of all tournament teams, players, coaches, and uniforms. Tournament play teams may not alter or use alternative uniforms without approval by the board of directors.