



Rules and Regulations – Little Sluggers

I. Team Roster

- a. All players must be registered through our online, Team Sideline registration system, in order to participate in the program.
- b. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players. Additional players must be approved by the Recreation Coordinator. South Suburban reserves the right to add players to the rosters to reach the minimum of 10.

II. Eligibility Rules

- a. This program is designed for kids ages 3 & 4.

III. Playing Time

- a. Games will 50 minutes long; which includes 25 minutes of practice.
- b. Except for the need to finish an inning, no play will occur after 50 minutes of play has elapsed from the beginning of the game. The coaches should hustle their players in and out of the dugout between innings to move the game along.
- c. All individuals are required to receive an equal amount of playing time per session.

IV. Practices

- a. Little Sluggers do NOT practice other than 25 minutes before each 25 minute game. This programs meet 4 times total, for 50 minutes each. (time, day, and location based on the session/location you are signed up for)

V. Uniforms

- a. Each participant will be given a team shirt and major league baseball cap.

VI. Game Locations

- a. Games will be played between 4:30 – 6:30 pm on scheduled days, and may be held at either, Willow Creek Park (WCP), or deKoevend Park (DEK). The exception here would be the Fall session which will be held at deKoevend Park (DEK).

VII. Rainout Line

- a. 303-219-1150 or www.rainoutline.com, option 3 (search SSPRD) or use app.
- b. In case of inclement weather, or crisis situations, no decision will be made on the status of the games until 4:00pm. There will be days when a decision may not be made until start time due to late breaking situations.

VIII. Rules

- a. Baseball Size
 1. Soft touch 9" baseballs
- b. All games will be played on grass fields (except the Fall session) with either permanent or temporary backstops.
- c. Score are NOT kept.
- d. A coin flip will determine which team starts at bat.

IX. No umpires will be provided

- a. Coaches and/or parents will be asked to umpire games.
- b. Base distances will be 50'.
- c. Half inning is one time thru the order.

X. Batting/Pitching

- a. Batting order consists of all players on the roster. A late player should be put to the end of the batting order.
- b. Runners put out during play should stay on the base. We want all kids to have the opportunity to run the bases.
- c. Runners may not advance on an overthrow.
- d. Players may not steal home on a dropped ball.

XI. Defense

- a. Up to 12 participants may take the field.
- b. Coaches are allowed on the field.
- c. A player is NOT required in the position of catcher.

Elastic Power:

The South Suburban Athletics staff reserves the right to establish guidelines for any and all rules or infractions not covered in the league rules and to refuse participation to any individual or coach if they do not obey the rules and regulations and keep within the spirit of sportsmanship.

Comments on the Rules:

These rules are intended to create a balance of play; to create an atmosphere of sportsmanship and fair play; and to emphasize cleverness and skill without limiting freedom of individuals or team play. It is important to know the intent and purpose of a rule so that it may be intelligently applied in each play situation. A player or team should not be permitted an advantage which is not intended by a rule. Play will not be permitted to develop which may lead to placing a player at a disadvantage not intended by a rule.

Alcohol, smoking, and chewing tobacco products in all parks are prohibited.