MINOR DIVISION

4.4.1 Eligibility

MINOR 1: League Age 10 and under according to the latest Little League Baseball League Age chart
MINOR 2: League Age 11 and under according to the latest Little League Baseball League Age chart

4.4.2 Playing Field

a. The distance between bases shall be:
   1) 60 feet
b. The pitching distance shall be:
   1) 42 feet (First Year Minors)—measured from the back point of home plate to the center of the front of the pitching rubber.
   2) 46 feet (Second Year Minors)--measured from the back point of home plate to the center of the front of the pitching rubber.

4.4.3 Equipment

a. The Home Team shall provide 3 new game balls for each game. New game balls are provided by the League at the start of the season.
b. Any player warming up the pitcher must wear a catcher's mask.
c. The catcher shall wear protective headgear with facemask, throat guard, chest protector and shin guards.
d. All bats must be USABat certified. Penalty for using an illegal bat is an automatic out.
e. Batter/Base runner shall wear protective headgear.
c. For safety reasons, it is required that all male players wear protective cups during practices and games.

4.4.4 Players Positions

a. The maximum number of players fielded per team shall be 9.
b. Free substitution of players will be allowed.

4.4.5 Game

a. A minimum of 8 players on a team is required to start and **complete** a game.

Any team **failing to maintain the minimum number of players**, **8**, during the course of the game, shall automatically **forfeit** the game. This includes players getting injured, ejected from the game or leaving before the end of the game.

b. The game shall consist of either 6 innings or a time limit of 1 hour, 45 minutes, whichever occurs first.
c. If 5 runs are scored while any one team is at bat, that team will automatically have 3 outs, and be sent to the field. The maximum runs in the last (6th) inning are unlimited and only limited by the remaining time left in the game. If after the time limit has been reached and the game is not complete, the score will revert back to the last complete inning (*or, if the home team is ahead in the bottom of the inning, the score will stand).
d. The Infield Fly rule shall be in effect.

4.4.6 Pitchers

a. All players shall be eligible to pitch, with the following exceptions:
   1) A player classified as an over-age waiver player is declared ineligible to pitch while playing in this division (Minor 1 or Minor 2)
b. A pitcher shall pitch in no more than:
   1) 75 pitches per game for 9- and 10-year-olds, 85 pitches per game for 11-year-olds, 3 innings per game, OR 4 innings maximum in 3 days.

When the pitcher pitches the ball to any one batter, it will be considered as 1 inning pitched. The innings pitches shall be inclusive of any games played including little league. It is the responsibility of the Coach and Parents to keep track of player's innings pitched.

c. The strike zone will be from the armpits to the top of the knees when the batter assumes a natural stance. The umpire shall determine the strike zone according to the batter's usual stance when that batter swings at a pitch.

d. Once a pitcher leaves the game, the pitcher may re-enter the game to any position other than the position of "pitcher".
e. Any pitcher hitting 3 batters in one game shall be removed after hitting the third batter. The player may re-enter or stay in the game at any other position other than the position of “pitcher”.

4.4.7 Batters

a. All players on the roster will bat in a rotational basis. For example, if there are 14 players on a team, all fourteen will bat before the leadoff batter bats again.
   1) Any batter failing to bat for any reason, regardless of the number of batters in the batting order, is automatically out the first time that he/she fails to bat.

4.4.8 Base runners

a. For **BASEBALL**:
   1) Head-first sliding is not permitted and will result in an automatic out. The exception is when a runner is returning to a base.
   2) Will be called out if they leave or fail to keep contact with the base, which they are entitled to occupy, while the pitcher has the ball in pitching position and until a legally pitched ball has crossed home plate.
   3) There shall be no stealing of home unless played on or the ball is thrown to another player other than the pitcher.

   a) Catchers stepping outside of the catcher’s box while making a throwing motion towards a runner on third entitles the runner to advance at his own risk. However, when the catcher ceases to make a throwing motion toward the base runner and the runner has not gone by the catcher, the runner must return to third base as soon as the catcher throws the ball to the pitcher.

   b) On throwbacks to the pitcher, when the pitcher has **no control** of the ball, the runner on third base may advance home at his own risk.

   4) A base runner approaching home plate must make an effort to avoid contact with the catcher. (no barreling over the catcher) Otherwise the umpire may call out the base runner. See rule 3.6.9.
   5) NO running on a dropped third strike. Batter is automatically out and runners advance at their own risk.