



**Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department**  
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**Shelby Township Little League**

**Boys Minor Baseball**

**Ages 9-11**

# Points of Interest/Rules

## ENROLLMENT

Enrollment and field availability will dictate the number of teams and players per team. The Board of Directors will approve the number of teams and the number of games played.

## PLAYING TIME

Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for three innings on defense. Continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game batting in order throughout the game (No players are to miss their turn at bat). All players MUST sit out one defensive inning and MUST play at least one inning on the infield each game.

**PLAYING TIME PENALTY:** The player shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirements not completed under section PLAYING TIME and the requirements for this game before being removed.

The manager shall for the:

- A. First Offense – receive a written warning.
- B. Second Offense – a suspension for the next scheduled game.
- C. Third Offense – a suspension for remainder of season.

## DRAFT

A blind draft is done by the Board of Directors at Shelby Twp Parks and Recreation Department.

## FIELD

The base distance is 60'. The pitcher's mound is 46'. Lombardo and Ford Field have permanent pitcher's mounds at 46' and 40'. Field are maintained by the maintenance staff at Shelby Parks and Recreation.

## UMPIRES

Umpires are Little League certified umpires. There is an umpire evaluation form for coaches to complete that the umpire coordinator reviews. It is used for evaluating umpires during the season, for use in playoffs and the LL tournament.

## GAME TIME

Games start at 6:30pm unless noted on the schedule. Games have a two-hour time limit. No new inning can start after the two-hour time limit.

## SCOREKEEPING

Each team is responsible for keeping their scorebook and pitch count records. The score and pitch count should be checked by each manager or coach between each half of the inning to avoid any conflicts. The defensive team's coach should walk to the batting team's dugout at the completion of three outs and confirm with the coach what he/she has for pitch count for that inning.

The home team is responsible for reporting the final game score to [madams@shelbytwp.org](mailto:madams@shelbytwp.org) and [jyoungblood@shelbytwp.org](mailto:jyoungblood@shelbytwp.org) within 24 hours. The League website will contain scores and team standings, although we don't have a regular season Champion. This places emphasis on improving player's skills during the regular season. Playoffs will be randomly selected so the regular season has no bearing on playoff seeding.

## **PLAYER UNIFORMS**

Players wear consistent uniforms including a MLB team hat, jersey and socks provided by the League. Players will wear tennis shoes, molded sole athletic shoes, or all-purpose shoes. No metal or screw-on cleats are allowed in Minors. All players should wear white baseball pants. Coaches will receive a MLB team hat and a Shelby Twp Parks and Recreation coaching shirt upon completion of a background check.

## **GAME**

- All games will be six innings in length (depending on time limit).
- The home team will sit on the third base side.
- A five-run limit is to be imposed (5 runs per team max - per half inning) which would complete the half inning. Minors does not have a 10 run mercy rule.
- The sixth inning or (last inning declared by umpire) will be unlimited runs for both teams.
- Lineup sheets showing the batting order, defensive starting positions, players name and number will be given to the opposing manager and official prior to the game.
- Managers/coaches will update their pitching records to the opposing manager, scorekeeper and umpire prior to game time.
- The Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Form does not have to be signed.
- Update pitch counts after each half inning.
- Pre-game warm-ups are conducted in the outfield along the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> baselines. The visiting team will take infield practice first for a 10 minute duration, 25 minutes prior to game time. The home team will take the field for 10 minutes, 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

## **PITCHERS**

Definitions of pitch count limits and required rest periods are specified in Regulation VI of the Little League Baseball "Official Regulations and Playing Rules".

## **STEALING**

Base runners will not leave their base until the ball has been delivered and reached the batter. Stealing all bases is allowed...including home.

**Note:** A player hit by a pitch which hits the ground first, then the batter, is awarded first base.

## **LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS**

Minor's baseball teams will participate in the STLL Championship Playoffs. The Boys Minor American League division winner will play the National League divisional winner. The playoffs are a blind draw, single game elimination tournament. The playoff schedule will be made available as soon as possible following the completion of the regular season. There may be games played on consecutive days if necessary.

## **TOURNAMENT TEAM**

- Players living in Shelby's Little League boundary or attending school in Shelby Twp or Utica are allowed to try out for the tournament team on or after June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Boy's tournament team is for 9-10 year olds.
- Tournament hats and jerseys are provided by Shelby Township Little League.
- 11 year old's playing in Boys Minor are not eligible for any tournament team.

## **BAT RULE**

It is required that all non-wood bats used in Little League Baseball Minors Division shall be printed with a BPF of 1.15 or less and not longer than 33 inches. Most non-wood bats manufactured are permanently imprinted with the BPF. Very few bats sold today with a diameter of 2¼ (two and one-quarter) inches are not printed with the BPF rating. Bats printed with a BPF higher than 1.15 or without a BPF printed (or not legible) on the bat, are not permitted. Check [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org) for banned bats.

## **VOLUNTEER FORMS**

It is important that anyone who wishes to volunteer complete a Volunteer Application (available on Little League's or Shelby's web site) and turn it in with a copy of your Driver's License prior to the first practice. To comply with Little League International, there can be no exceptions.

### **Shelby Little League Inclement Weather Updates:**

[http://www.shelbytwp.org/shelby\\_twp\\_little\\_league/index.html](http://www.shelbytwp.org/shelby_twp_little_league/index.html)

<https://www.facebook.com/ShelbyTwpParksandRec>

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