**Gowanda Little League Division Rules:**

**Major League:**

* All rules outlined in the Little League Rule Book with the exception of the following:
	+ We will not enforce the dropped third strike rule this year to speed up play.
	+ All games will end by 8:15 regardless of the inning and/or who is up to bat. A game is considered “complete” once the 8:15 time is met no matter the inning. The final score will be determined by the last full inning.

**Minors:**

* All rules outlined in the Little League Rule Book with the exception/addition of the following:
	+ The pitcher’s plate is place 41 feet as compared to 46 feet at the Major’s.
	+ Each player must play a min. of three (3) innings on the field & one (1) at bat.
	+ The batting line-up will consist of the 10 players playing the field.
	+ There will be a five (5) run limit per inning for innings 1-5 of any game regardless of score or circumstance of the game. There will be NO run limit for the 6th inning of any game.
	+ 4 players are allowed to play in the outfield for a total of 10 players on the field.
	+ There will be NO on-deck batters allowed.
	+ Baserunners may advance only one (1) base on an over throw
	+ A minor league manager may have two (2) coaches in the dugout during games.
	+ A team mom will be allowed in the dugout during all minor league games**.**
	+ Pitching/Hitting:
		- Coaches will pitch even innings (2nd, 4th & 6th) with a player in the pitcher’s position. Balls and strikes will be called but, there will be NO walks. A batter may strike out, but cannot reach base on 4 balls. A player hit by a pitch from a coach may NOT advance to 1st base.
		- A player pitcher will pitch odd innings (1st, 3rd & 5th) until the batter has:
		- hit the ball in play
		- struck out
		- been hit by pitch
		- reached a count of 3 balls on the batter.

 If the batter reaches three (3) balls from the player pitcher, the manager/coach will pitch the remaining pitches to the batter at which time the hitter may:

* + - * Strike out
			* Forced/tagged out after hitting the ball in fair territory.
			* Reach base by hit.
		- Managers/Coaches will pitch to their own team
	+ While the manager/coach is pitching, the defensive team must have a pitcher on the field of play. This player is required to wear a helmet with or without a face mask. This player must stand on either side of the coach to assume their defensive position once the ball is in play. For safety, the pitcher must NEVER stand behind the pitching coach or closer to home plate than the pitching rubber.
	+ All throws from the defensive team should be directed to the pitcher and not the pitching coach.
	+ A ball will be considered “dead” once the ball is in the possession of the pitcher AND within a 10 foot radius of the pitcher’s rubber on the mound at which time a runner MAY NOT advance to the next base.
	+ To move play faster, a coach may stand at the backstop to help the catcher retrieve pass balls. The coach may not make a catch for the catcher.
	+ An inning is ended with:
		- 3 outs
		- 5 run scored in the ½ inning (6th inning will have NO run limit)
	+ Games will consist of 6 innings and all games will end by 8:15 regardless of the inning and/or who is up to bat. A game is considered “complete” once the 8:15 time is met no matter the inning. The final score will be determined by the last full inning.

**Gowanda Little League Division Rules:**

**Rookies:**

* All rules outlined in the Little League Rule Book with the exception/addition of the following:
	+ A combination of a pitching machine and batting tee will be utilized in this league.
	+ The pitching machine is to place 6 feet closer to the home plate than in the major league division.
	+ Teams shall bat their entire line-up each inning. It is the manager’s discretion to determine their lineup for each inning/game.
	+ There will be 4 players allowed to play in the outfield for a total of 10 players on the field. The outfield starts at the back of the infield where the grass starts.
	+ Each player must play a minimum of 2 consecutive innings on the field. Lineups are necessary and substitutions can be made by the team’s manager at anytime.
	+ There will be NO on-deck batters allowed.
	+ After play has started, the manager of both teams will be in charge of deciding if play will continue in inclement weather.
	+ A rookie league manager may have two (2) coaches in the dugout during games.
	+ A team mom will be allowed in the dugout during all rookie games**.**
	+ Hitting:
		- Each batter will receive a maximum of 4 pitches from the pitching machine. A batter may not strike out during the first 4 pitches.
		- After the first 4 machine pitches, the manager/coach will place a batting tee on home plate at which time the batter will hit to advance to first base.
		- Managers/Coaches will pitch to their own team.
	+ While the manager/coach is pitching from the machine, the defensive team must have a pitcher on the field of play. This player is required to wear a helmet with or without a face mask. This player must stand behind and to either side of the coach/machine to assume their defensive position once the ball is in play. For safety, the pitcher must NEVER stand directly behind the pitching coach or machine.
	+ All throws from the defensive team should be directed to the pitcher and not the pitching coach.
	+ To move play faster, a coach may stand at the backstop to help the catcher retrieve pass balls. The coach may not make a catch for the catcher.
	+ A runner/batter will be removed from the base if the on-field “official” has deemed the runner/batter to be “out”.
	+ An inning will end after all kids in the batting line-up have batted.
	+ A game will consist of 4 innings and all play will end by 8:15.

**T-Ball League**:

* + A complete game consists of 3 full innings.
	+ After play has started, the manager of both teams will be in charge of deciding if play will continue in inclement weather.
	+ Teams shall bat their entire line-up each inning. It is the manager’s discretion to determine their lineup for each inning.
	+ The inning will end with the last player in the batting order hitting a “homerun” to clear the bases of all players.
	+ Pitchers must wear a helmet during the game.
	+ It is the coaches discretion to utilize a catcher or not in the t-ball division.