

Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association

Playing in the Lower Paxton/West Hanover Baseball

4 Levels of Baseball Play:

(Rules below were from 2017 and are subject to change by the LPWH Board)

T-Ball / Coach Pitch:

- Ages (5 & 6): Targets first time players who are learning game basics
- 4 Inning Games or 1 ½ Hour Time Limit
- Continuous Batting Order for all games
- Each Batter gets (5) pitches from a coach before hitting off a "T"
- RIF (softer) baseballs are used in some games, but not all
- Extra players above (9) can be placed in the outfield grass
- *Six-year-olds may request to play up a level and are reviewed individually. Requests not guaranteed.*

Rookies Baseball (Kid Pitch/Intermediate):

- Ages (7, 8 & some 9s): Targets players with 1-2 years' experience. Players learn more game situations and baseball fundamentals. No Standings are kept by the League.
- 6 Inning Games or 2 Hour Time Limit
- Limit of (5) Runs per Inning. Ten Run Rule in affect to end games.
- Continuous Batting Order for all games. Unlimited Substitutions in games.
- Player Pitching (40') mound. Coach pitches after 4 balls are thrown to a batter.
- **Nine-year-olds may NOT pitch at this level.**
- No Walks & No Stealing – Bunting is Allowed
- Each player must play (4) Innings in Field per game
- *Eight-year-olds may request to play up a level and are reviewed individually. Requests not guaranteed.*

Minor Baseball:

- Ages (9, 10, 11 & some 12s): Targets players with 4-5 years' experience. Players begin playing competitive baseball at this level. Wins & Losses count towards EOY Tournament.
- 11's & 12's that don't make a Major Team will be drafted onto Minor Teams.
- 6 Inning Games or 2 Hour Time Limit. (Certified Umpires in most cases)
- Limit of (4) Runs per Inning. Ten Run Rule in affect to end games.
- Continuous Batting Order for all games. Unlimited Substitutions in games.
- Player Pitching (46') mound.
- Pitchers restricted to 6 innings per wk & (3) Innings per game
- Eleven-year-olds may only pitch 2 of first 4 innings.
- **Twelve-year-olds may NOT pitch at this level.**
- Stealing & Bunting are permitted
- Each player must play (2) Innings & Bat (1) Time per game.
- *Ten-year-olds may request to play up a level and are reviewed individually. Requests not guaranteed.*

Major Baseball: (Teams Determined by Skills Assessment-TBD)

- Ages (11 & 12): Targets **most experienced** players and is the **most competitive** level.
- 6 Inning Games or 2 Hour Time Limit. (Certified Umpires)
- Ten Run Rule in effect to end games.
- Player Pitching (46') mound.
- Pitchers restricted to a maximum of 70 & 90 pitches per game (1st half / 2nd half of season)
- Stealing & Bunting are permitted
- Each player must play (2) Innings & Bat (1) Time per game.
- *(4) "Call Up" Minor Players may be selected for each Major Team*

