

RYE BROOK LITTLE LEAGUE
Rookie League K & 1st Graders

All boys and girls in K & 1st grade are eligible to participate. Rye Brook parent volunteers will coach the teams. Coaches will pitch and umpire all of the league games. **This is an instructional league.**

LEAGUE POLICY: SPORTSMANSHIP, PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION

It is the Rye Brook Recreation Departments intention to have all players participate as fully as possible. All coaches will teach each child all the positions and the proper rules of the game. This is an important level for learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Please set an example by teaching sportsmanship and exhibiting it at all times. This is to be fun for the children in addition to being a learning experience.

Practice:

Call the Recreation Office at Janice, 305-2947 to check before scheduling, she will see if there is a field available.

Equipment:

Rookie League players uniforms consist of hats, socks, shirts (provided by the Recreation Dept.) players are required to wear baseball pants and bring a glove.

1. Baseball shoes are not required but should be worn.
2. The team shirt must be tucked in at all times. Hats must be worn at all times, in the way they were designed, bill forward.
3. Be sure to have all players put their name on their gloves, as well as, on the tags of their shirt and hat.

Location:

Practices, Clinics and Games will take place at the Rye Brook Athletic Fields on King Street. All parking for the Rookie League will be in the Blind Brook Middle/High School parking lot, which is located on King Street. There is an accessible walkway at the school that leads to the Rye Brook Athletic Fields.

Schedule:

We will begin Rookie League on April 25th end during the first/second week of June. Each team will play on Saturdays through May and then begin Playoffs after

Pre-game Warm-up:

Fifteen (15) minutes per team before games.

Before each game, there will be 15 minutes of instruction time whereby both teams will participate together to work on a given topic

Week 1	Base Running
Week 2	Batting
Week 3	Throwing/Fielding
Week 4	Batting
Week 5	Throwing/Fielding

Game Time:

Weekday: Please arrive at the field no later than 6:00pm for warm-up. The games or clinics will begin promptly at 6:15pm.

Weekends: Please arrive at the games at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. Check your schedule for times.

Innings:

Games are scheduled for four (4) innings or a maximum of 75 minutes from the **scheduled** time of the game. In the event that the game may run over the time limit, no full inning can start after 75-minutes from the scheduled time of game. Example: the game started at 1:00pm. The third (3) inning is complete and it is now 2:16pm. The game is over and the fourth (4) inning should not start. If the fourth (4) inning starts at 2:14pm that would be OK and the fourth (4) inning will be finished completely. If there is no game scheduled on your field after your game, both coaches may agree to complete the full four innings even if the 75-minute time limit has elapsed.

Rainouts:

The Recreation Department will determine whether games will be cancelled due to the weather prior to 4:00pm during the weekday and 9:00am during the weekend. All decisions to cancel the games after 4:00pm during the weekday and 9:00am during the weekend will be determined by both coaches at the field.

I. Players

A. Batting

1. All players bat regardless of whether or not they are playing in the field.
2. There is no bunting.
3. No player is to take warm up swings. There is no on deck circle.
4. Each batter gets up to three swinging strikes including foul balls then the ball is to be placed on the tee until the ball is hit into fair territory.
5. The half inning is over once the defensive team records three (3) outs or all members of the batting team have batted in that half inning.
6. An accidentally thrown bat will result in the player receiving a warning. If there is a second offense in the game, the batter will not be allowed to bat again in that game. He/she will be permitted to continue playing the field. If the thrown bat is not an accident that child will be removed from the game.

B. Pitching

1. The coach of the batting team will pitch to his or her own team.

C. Fielders

1. Up to ten players can play in the field. At least one coach should be in the field with the players. When a player returns the ball to the pitchers mound area, the play is dead.
2. There is no infield fly rule.

D. Base Running

1. There is no stealing
2. Base runners may continue to run until the ball is in control in the infield area
3. Runner may continue to run to the base they are going to
4. Base runners are not permitted to advance on any overthrow
5. Players are not allowed to lead. The runner must wait until the ball is hit before leaving the base
6. The base runner must avoid contact with the fielders. The players will be subject to ejection.

E. Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions of players are permitted between innings.

F. No player can be on the bench for more than one inning at a time. This is not up to the child to decide. Unless there is a health issue they must play the field every other inning. (Notice: if a player violates team rules, is tardy, not supportive of teammates, not respectful to coaches, umpires, or opposing players, etc. then the coach is not required to rotate that player. The coach then must send a report of the incident stating the reason, to the Recreation Office for committee review)

G. Head First Slides: Runner is automatically out. (Diving back to a base is permitted. Diving shall be defined as, and limited to, one or two steps. Any amount of running back to a base shall require a slide.)

H. Plays at Home Plate: The catcher is not permitted to place their feet on or block home plate by positioning themselves off of home plate towards third base.

II. Coaches

A. Two coaches are allowed to be out in the field with their own team to instruct them defensively. The others please keep the kids safe while team is batting.

B. This is an instructional league. There will playoffs and a championship games at the end of the season.

C. Coach disagreements with an umpire (opposing coach) call in a loud or disrespectful manner will be immediately removed from the game and the field. Before that coach is allowed to continue coaching or communicating to the team as a coach, he or she must meet with the grievance committee to explain the incident. The incident will be recorded, and kept of file. A second incident in the same year will result in that coach being removed for the remainder of the season and be reevaluated by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council for future season.

D. Yelling at the players by coaches, parents, spectators or other players is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

E. Coaches and parents are to keep the game **fun for all**. Do Not Emphasize Winning at this level

F. Teach the fundamentals of the game

When the game is over:

1. Players line up on baseline, shake hands properly and then go to the bench.
2. Sit the team down and remind players about all of the positive aspects of the game that has just been completed and reinforce baseball fundamentals.
3. Make necessary announcements and remind everyone of the next scheduled game or practice
4. Encourage parents to practice with the kids at home