

# GRANADA HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE

## Rookie Division

### Objective of our Rookie Program

The Rookie program is the second step for our children to experience the game of baseball. It is the responsibility of the coaches to work with the players to develop their individual skills and to make the Rookie division a fun learning experience. If the player wants to return to play next season you have done a great job.

### Performance Goals

- Players will be able to identify the parts of the baseball diamond
- Players will be able to identify the positions played in the game
- Players will be able to identify the equipment used in baseball
- Players will be taught how to assume a proper position in the batter's box

### Safety

- Safety is always first
- No throwing the bat.
- Catchers must wear full gear and a coach must be present with the catcher.

### Layout of the Rookie field

- Field marking chalk is to be used for all of the following detail lines.
- A 10 foot arc will scored from the back corner of home plate.
- Add a small slash between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> - & home
- Define a pitchers circle by marking it with a circle.
- Chalk lines on the first base side & third base side.

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### Rules

#### Prior to the game

- Players will stand up the lines for the Pledge of Allegiance & Little League Pledge.

#### The Field

- The Home team is responsible to chalk the foul lines & batter's box.
- The visiting team is responsible to drag and rake at the conclusion of the game. If a team consistently fails to do its part it will lose practice time.

#### Start of the game

- Time limit for Rookie is 1 1/2 hours.
- No score is kept in Rookie.
- Each team will supply a new ball to start the game.
- The Home team will sit on the 3rd base dugout & the visitors on the 1st base dugout.

#### Players & Positions

- A minimum of 7 players must be present to play a game. If one team has more players the Manager can lend players to the short handed team.
- On defense, the players will be positioned at 1b, 2b, 3b, SS, Pitcher, & Catcher. All other players will be positioned evenly in the outfield area. No player is to play the same position for more than two innings.
- All players present will be placed in the batting order and will bat in the order listed.
- Each team will bat their whole line-up.

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### Play of the game

- The coach will pitch 5 pitches either underhand or overhand while down on one knee. If the player does not hit the ball delivered by the coach the batter will be out. If the batter foul tips the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch the coach will continue to pitch until either the batter puts the ball in play or the batter misses the ball.
- A batter hit by a coach pitch is not awarded a base.
- If a batted ball strikes the coach pitcher it will be considered a foul ball.
- The pitcher must remain in the pitching circle until the ball is hit.
- The ball must travel beyond the 10 foot line or it will be considered a foul ball.
- If the ball doesn't reach the outfield the play will be considered over when the ball is returned to a player at the pitcher's mound.
- If the ball reaches the outfield the play will be considered dead when the ball reaches in the infield dirt. Runners past the ½ way hash marks will be awarded the base they were on their way to. If they do not reach the hash marks they will go back to their previous base.
- The players will attempt to throw the ball overhand to make an out. Do not instruct your players to roll the ball to each other.
- Batters are allowed multiple bases on a hit.
- Base stealing is not permitted.
- The infielders may not play on the grass until after the ball is hit. The entire field is then in play, and any player may attempt to field the ball.
- If an out is made the base runner will be called out and go to the dugout. Three outs do not end the inning. The inning will end after the batter who represents the "last batter" has batted. The last batter and any runners on base will all attempt to run to home plate. **(It is encouraged to rotate the batting order from game to game so the same players don't always bat at the end of the order)**
- It is recommended to encourage the players to try and record outs at the bases and to avoid a strategy of always returning the ball to the pitchers circle to freeze the runners. Try your best to teach the game to the players.

Remember every child on every team is a GHLL player.

Cheer them all on as if they were your own.