

Tulsa National Playing Rules of All Leagues

Effective 2025

1. The visiting team will occupy the dugout closest to first base and take the infield fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to third base and take the infield ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the game. Each team will take a maximum of five (5) minutes of infield. The home team will remain on the field following taking infield and the game will start as scheduled.
2. Tulsa National registered team members and approved coaches are allowed on the field or in the dugout. No parents, siblings, bat girls and boys, are permitted on the field or in the dugout.
3. A maximum of 4 league approved coaches are permitted in the dugout or on the field in a coaching capacity.
4. A player may be benched for disciplinary reasons by his coach. The opposing head coach, scorekeeper and parents of the player must be informed before the game.
5. Any player or coach may warm up the pitcher.
6. The league will provide enough new balls for all games to each team. The team manager of the visitor and home team must provide 1 new league game ball to the Umpire-In-Chief prior to the start of each game. No baseballs except those provided by the league will be accepted for play.
7. Prior to game time, each team must provide a batting order to the home plate umpire. First name, last name and player number of all the players present for that game must be listed in the batting lineup.
8. The umpire behind the plate will keep the official game starting time to be recorded in home team score book. The home team's score book is the official scorebook. The Umpire-In-Chief will enter the official score in the leagues umpire assigner web site immediately at the conclusion of the game.
9. During the regular season game season, a team with fewer than 9 players are permitted to field any registered player from another team to substitute for missing team members up to a maximum of 9 players. The substituted player will be treated the same as any other player on the team for that game. Player substitutions are NOT permitted for the end of season tournaments.
10. If a team is unable to field the minimum number of players within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the UIC will declare a forfeit.
11. Use of an on-deck circle is not permitted for leagues of ages 12 and under. All non-batting players must be in the dugout and all bats must be in the dugout. Intermediate division and above use on-deck circles.
12. No head coach, assistant coach, player or fan will razz, abuse or embarrass players of either team, neither will they use abusive/threatening language or gestures. Coaches will not allow their players to cast slurring remarks about players on opposing teams. The practice of yelling "OUT, STRIKE, SWING", or any other phrase designed to distract opposing players is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and is strictly prohibited. The head coach is responsible for the conduct of his players, coaches and fans and must prevent them from umpire-baiting or razzing opposing players. Should fans violate this rule, the coach will be required to deal with his fans. Should they not cease the offensive conduct, the coach will be ejected. ABSOLUTELY NO

INTIMIDATION including, but not limited to hand clapping, chanting, abusive language, threatening language or gestures, etc., by any player towards any other player will be allowed. Refusal to comply with any provisions of the aforesaid rule will constitute unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in expulsion of the offender.

13. Any coach or player ejected from a game is automatically suspended for the next scheduled regular season game. When a coach or player is ejected from a game, they must leave the park for the remainder of that game and may not come to the park for the next scheduled regular season game. A second offense by a coach will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. A second offense by a player will be referred to the Rules Committee for disciplinary action.
14. The only player with a bat must be in the batter's box. All other bats must be put inside the dugout and not used.
15. If interference occurs on a foul ball from another field, the umpire shall impose such action as, in the umpire's judgment, will nullify the act of such an interference.
16. Players given approval by the umpire to leave the field to go to the restroom MUST be accompanied by an adult (applies to ages 11 and under).
- 17. The team manager is responsible to ensure all equipment meets all approved rule standards (New 2025 rule).**
18. All volunteers (Coaches, Parents, Umpires) on the field or in the dugout must display the badge issued by the league.
19. Physical contact or the threat of physical contact or harm by any person (adult or child) will result in immediate removal from the game and premises and can result in lifetime expulsion from the league.
20. A fifty dollar (\$50) fee is required to protest. The fee must be given to the umpire in chief before the protest is recorded.
21. If, at the end of a regular season game, the score is tied, the game will end in a tie. During the end of season tournament, all games must determine a winner.
22. All teams are responsible for picking up trash in their dugout and game field after each field usage. The teams must leave their dugouts immediately after picking up trash to allow teams for the next game to occupy the dugout.
23. All ties in standings at season's end will be broken by: a) Head to head competition; if tie then b) Most total runs scored in the regular season; if tie then c) Least total runs scored against in regular season; if tie then d) Coin Toss
24. The league president shall have the authority to impose additional game day rules as circumstances warrant.
25. Youth that are not registered players of the league are not permitted on the baseball playing fields at any time.
26. Picture or video capture of the games cannot be used for any purpose during a game.