

# 2018 IUTIS SUPERSTARS LEAGUE GUIDELINES



## SUPERSTARS SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT IUTIS.COM



The first 4 games, the batter will swing until he hits the ball. Batting the entire line up equals an inning. If the batter needs help, by all means, do so to keep the game moving along.

The next four\*4) games will have balls & Strikes called. Batting thru the lineup = an inning

The final four(4) games will have balls & Strikes called. 3 Strikes per batter. 3 Outs per team.

1 Hour time limit per game

### **No Shirt... No Hat... No Play!**

If a shirt or hat is lost, please contact the coach.

Spring training consists of 2 practices per week. When the season starts, 1 practice per week and 1 game per week.

**No SANDALS / FLIP FLOPS are allowed to be worn on the field.  
Absolutely NO JEWELRY is allowed to be worn at any time.**

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The Superstars league is an instructional league, for the age group of 5 through 7 years old. A player's birthday as of January 1st will determine whether he is eligible to play.

**The IUTIS Superstars League Goals:** Safety first, teach the kids to play the game, and to have fun.

A copy of the birth certificate is required for the club records. Player contracts must be signed and returned to the coach before the first game.

**A medical release form signed by the doctor is required when a player is prohibited from playing ball while under a doctor's care. The medical release must be given to the Commissioner before the player is allowed to resume playing ball.**

Superstars will field the entire team during the game. Normally this is an infield game, with no deep outfield players. Coaches do the pitching.

The coaches determine minimum number of players required to play the game, at the time of the game. It is okay to borrow players from the opposing team in order to even up the number of players for both teams (only if one team has a very low turnout). The player exchange is the coach's call. The coach loaning the players determines the players he will loan.

All Superstars games are played at Harmon Field, for a period of one hour. **Normal season games begin at 5:30 pm, end by 8:30 pm and are played Friday(s).**

*( Being 30 minutes early never hurts )*

The home team is determined by the flip of a coin. No dugouts are assigned for home or visiting teams. The home team will choose if they bat first or take the field first.

On an overthrow at first base, the runner can advance to second at the runner's risk. Runners automatically advance to the next base on any other base overthrow. This rule helps to stop kids from throwing the ball to every base while the runner just keeps on running.

A ball that is hit far into the outfield is considered in play until the ball is returned to the infield, the play ends when the ball is returned to the pitcher or the umpire calls time-out.

A ball in the dugout is a dead ball.

Coaches are urged to work the line up so that the same kids don't bat last all the time.

During the first four(4)games, each player will bat until he hits the ball. Batting through the line up equals one complete inning. At some point the coach may need to help the batter.

Games 5 through 8 will have balls and strikes called by an umpire, so the player can get use to hearing balls and strikes called (this is to help them learn the difference between a ball and a strike). Nobody gets a walk and a strike out can only occur if the batter strikes out by swinging strikes. Batting through the line up equals a complete inning.

Games 9 through 13 will have balls and strikes called. 3 outs per **inning**, and 3 strikes per batter. No batter will be walked. The umpire will be very flexible with the strike zone. Try very hard to let the batter go down swinging. If he refuses to swing at the ball, work with him. Don't just call 3 strikes if he is not swinging (Most superstars batters will go down swinging). An inning will be considered complete when a team records three outs or they have batted through their entire line up, whichever comes first. If three outs are recorded before batting through the entire line up, start the following inning with the next boy on the roster; don't start from the top of the order.

**Before the season starts each team can practice a maximum of 2 times per week. Once the season starts, teams can have 1 practice per week & 1 game per week.**

At the end of the season all 8 year olds will be placed on All-Star teams. These are the kids that will advance to the American League next season.

Coaches, please check the birth dates of you players so that you know which kids are 8 years old. There will be 2 All-Star teams divided into East & West Divisions.

Head coaches will be selected and all Superstars head coaches will help with the All-Star game. This game will be played from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Ice Cream Social Night.

Also at the end of the season, all teams will have playoff games to end the Superstars season. Superstars play off night is normally the Monday night on week of the Ice Cream Social.

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**No Sandals** are to be worn by the players on the field.

**No Jewelry** is to be worn by the players on the field. These rules are for the protection of the boys  
Rain games will not be made up this year.