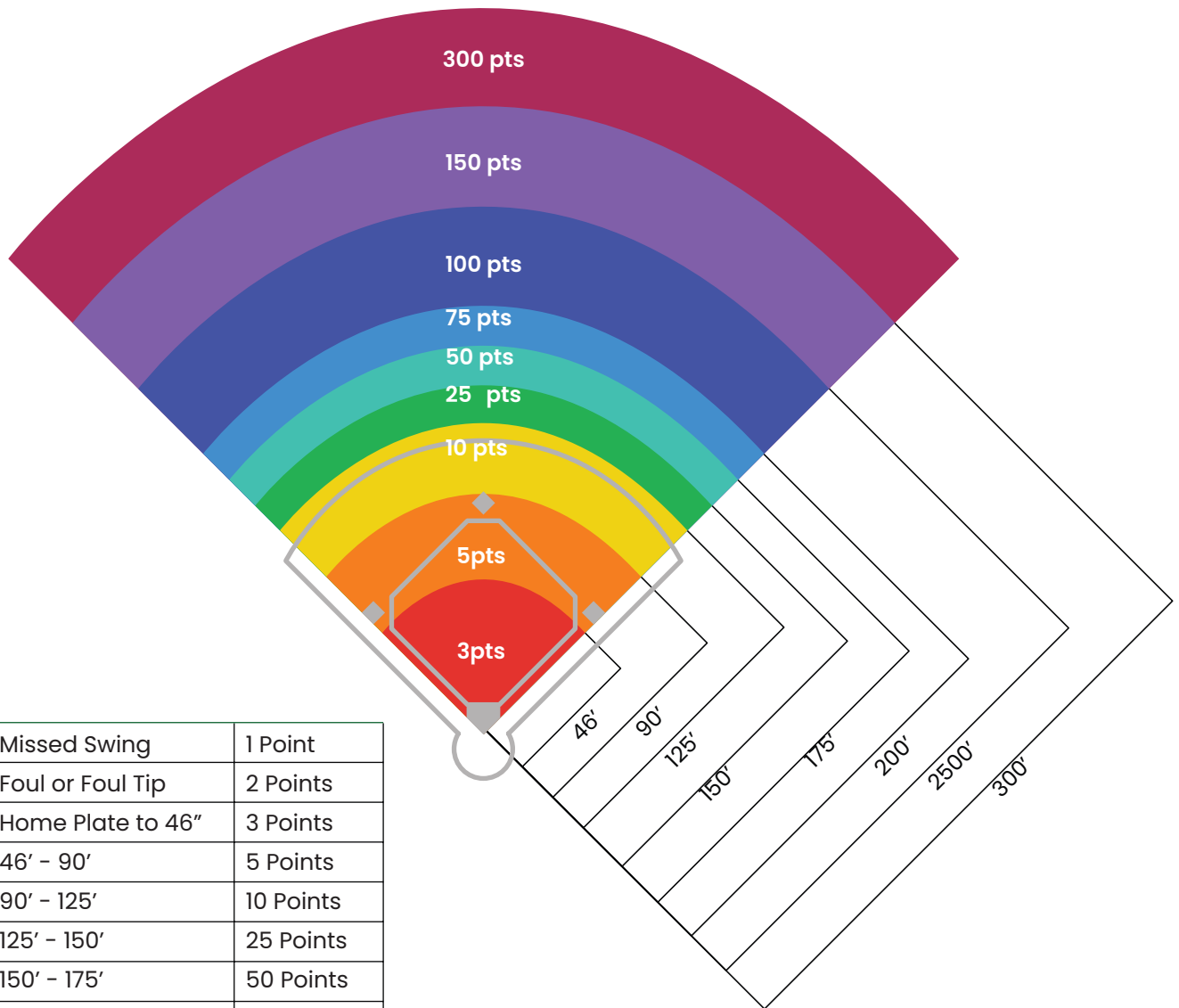




RULES & REGULATIONS

Scoring/Point Chart

The field is broken into 9 zones, each with different point values illustrated below. Strikes and Fouls will also be awarded points. For 5 & 6 years olds (batting from the tee) points will be determined by where the ball **STOPS**. For 7-15 year olds points will be determined by where the ball **LANDS**.



Strike	Missed Swing	1 Point
Fouls	Foul or Foul Tip	2 Points
Zone 1	Home Plate to 46"	3 Points
Zone 2	46' - 90'	5 Points
Zone 3	90' - 125'	10 Points
Zone 4	125' - 150'	25 Points
Zone 5	150' - 175'	50 Points
Zone 6	175' - 200'	75 Points
Zone 7	200' - 250'	100 Points
Zone 8	250' - 300'	150 Points
Zone 9	Over 300'	300 Points

Age Divisions

Contestants will be divided by gender into 5 age groups for all categories. Girls will have the option to participate in softball or baseball. The contestant is placed into a division by their age at the time of the first competition. A copy of the participant's birth certificate is required for proof of age.

Boys
5 years to 6 years
7 years to 8 years
9 years and 10 years
11 years and 12 years
13 years and 15 years

Girls
5 years to 6 years
7 years to 8 years
9 years and 10 years
11 years and 12 years
13 years and 15 years

General Rules

- There will be five (5) age groups in all categories described above.
- Age is on the child's age on July 31 of the current year (this may differ from Little League/Ripken Age).
- The Local Lodge Director must verify age by a Birth Certificate and a copy must be sent forward, along with other report forms.
- A contestant may enter only one Local Lodge contest in any given year.
- A contestant cannot advance to the regional and/or State to the regional and/or State contest without first competing in the Lodge and District contest.
- The Contest Director will set the date, time, and place for the contest and notify all contestants of the same. Contestants must be present and ready to compete at the designated time.
- Local Lodge contests may be structured in cooperation with local Baseball/Softball League Programs so that participants can compete at predetermined times.
- The contest will be held outdoors and on a field.
- Articles of clothing that display words or images that are in poor taste shall not be permitted. The director's decision in enforcing this rule is final.
- Contestants conducting themselves in an inappropriate or unsportsmanlike manner or failing to obey the instructions given by the officials will be disqualified.
- Contestants who are waiting their turn must not interfere with the contestant who is hitting in any way. A distance determined by the director will establish a clearly identified waiting area. No one should be allowed to distract the contestants in any way.
- All measurements will be from the back center (point) of home plate.
- Any ball hitting an obstruction will not be counted as a hit. Another ball or hit or pitch will be allowed in its place (do-over)
- The contest Director has the final word on all matters pertaining to the operation of the contest.

Rules for Boys and Girls ages 5-6

- For both Boys and Girls, batting will be done from a tee.
- Ten attempts will be given to hit the ball. Each batter will be allowed 5 warm-up hits, which will not be counted for score.
- Zone scoring will be accomplished by using the table.
- If the umpire determines that a ball hit an obstruction, another attempt will be given.

Rules for Boys and Girls ages 7-15

- Boys will use baseballs (applicable to machine) and girls will have the option to use either baseballs or softballs (applicable to the machine). No one should be pitched to.
- A girl who once made a decision to hit either baseball or softball will have to stick with it for the entire season.
- A pitching machine will be used. The operator is designated as the "umpire". Once the speed has been set, it will remain the same for all in that age group and/or gender.
- The bat used must be in compliance with current Little League rules (no wood bats).
- Ten hits will be attempted. All participants will be allowed 5 warm up pitches if they so desire, which must be declared. If the "umpire" calls a pitch not hittable, it will count as no pitch and another pitch will be given. If the umpire determines that a ball hit an obstruction, another attempt will be given.
- Scoring will be counted as to where the balls lands ON THE FLY. If a call is too close for the scores to make, the ball will be counted as the next higher zone.

Tie Breaker System

In the event of a tie, the following rules will take effect.

1. For those that are tied, the highest zone hit will determine the winner.
2. If there is a tie then use the second highest, third highest, etc. If all 10 hits are exactly the same, a five-pitch playoff will commence using a new score sheet.

Please advise all contestants of this. If they are not there, they will forfeit if a playoff is necessary.