



**AIRDRIE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
RECOMMENDATIONS TO LEAGUE COACHES OF BATTING ORDER STRATEGY AND
DEVELOPMENT
FOR PLAYERS AGES 13 YEARS AND OLDER**

The League is committed to the overall development of all players in all positions but, the League recommends that Coaches assess and develop their respective player's strengths and weaknesses at this level with respect to batting, as part of continued player development. The following is a guide for the batting line-up so that coaches will provide a consistent player development with all the teams in the League.

Lead-off Batter:

Possesses good judgment of strike zone
Has patience in the batters box
Tenacity as a good 2 strike hitter
Swift runner and a good base stealer
Ideally one of the smallest players (harder to strike-out with a smaller strike zone)

2nd Batter:

Ability to hit and direct ball behind base runner
Swift runner to first base after the hit
Has excellent bunting skills
Ideally a left handed hitter

3rd Batter:

Identified as the best power hitter on the team
Good base runner
Can to hit under pressure consistently (clutch hitter)
The best line drive hitter on the team

4th Batter:

Is the best RBI bat on the team
Stays calm and stable in the box
Hits the ball consistently hard
Consistently hits safe and often the best home run hitter

5th Batter:

The second best RBI batter on the team
Ability to pull, push, or hit straight away

6th Batter:

Identified as being the 4th best power hitter
Has the second best qualities to Lead-off batter

7th Batter:

Equivalent to the 2nd batter qualities (not as consistent)
Has excellent or good bunting skills
Ideally a left handed hitter

8th Batter:

A safe hitter, staying out of the double play
Not as consistent as the other hitters

9th Batter:

Typically the least consistent batter
A good idea to train this player in bunting
Sometimes is the rookie or in some Leagues would be the pitcher

IMPORTANT: Baseball is as much of a game of strategy as it is skill. At this level of baseball strategy becomes an important factor affecting the outcome of the game. All positions in baseball are equally important and have a part to play on the team and the players need to know this. If it were not the case there would only be seven or eight players being fielded. Each player needs to understand that he or she can affect their position in the batting line-up at any time during the course of the season. Their position can change with good practice, hard work and focused determination, or the lack thereof.

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