

LEAGUE RULES

TEE-BALL (AGES 5-6)

1. Each game will have a time limit of one hour (60 minutes). Provide for five minutes between games for teams to gather belongings and vacate the dugout for the next game. As the games are limited to the allotted time, please attempt to have lineups for fielding and hitting made in advance of the game and assign an adult to assist with having the kids ready to bat.
2. Score is not kept in any game. As a result, all games are ties. Coaches should refrain from any discussion directed toward winning or losing. This should also be stressed by the coach to the parents of the children prior to the start of the season.
3. The three out rule will not be implemented. Each team will bat through their entire order in all innings played.
4. All batters will hit from a tee for the first half of the season. At mid-season the Tee-Ball coaches may opt to amend this rule, permitting players to receive two coach pitches. Should the player not hit one of the pitches into play, the ball will be placed on a tee. There are no exceptions to the two pitch rule, (no additional pitches), as the speed of the game is essential to maintaining some level of focus and interest for the players in the field.
5. Teams with more than 10 girls in attendance may play additional outfielders. All kids will have an assigned place in the batting order.
6. The team in the field will not have a catcher. A manager/coach will occupy the catching position and will place the ball on the tee and provide hitting instruction for his or her players. Should the pitching rule be in effect, a second coach will be required to field in the catching position for missed pitches.
7. Base runners will not be permitted to advance on an overthrow of any base. Also, on a ball hit into the outfield, base coaches should stop their runners once the ball is under control in the infield. Please remember, while we do want the kids to learn the skills of aggressive base running the intent is not to be abusive of young kids trying to learn fielding skills.
8. Coaches are required to rotate their kids in the field each game and each girl must play a minimum of one inning in the infield and outfield every game. No child should be designated as an outfield or infield player only, regardless of skill level. It's not only important to the overall skill and knowledge development of the less talented players, but this also helps to educate the better players about the importance of personal sacrifice and team play. Under no circumstances should a team have the same two girls playing first base and/or pitcher for an entire game.
9. Outfielders should be positioned no shallower than within 10 feet of the grass edge. Infielders may not be positioned within 40 feet of the batter.
10. Negative cheering or chatter is not permitted. Positive cheering for teammates is accepted. However, chants or cheers that are intended to intimidate or demean their opponents are not acceptable.
11. IncrediBalls (Training Softballs) will be used for game play.