

ATLL 2018 SPECIAL RULES FOR A “TEE BALL” DIVISION

The following ATLL 2018 Special Rules for A Division (Tee Ball) supplement those contained in The 2018 Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules “The Green Book.” Changes from last year are **highlighted**:

- Emphasis. Instructional! — No score is kept! — Players will play all positions!
- Length of Game. Each game will consist of a maximum of 3 innings (no new inning may start after one (1) hour).
- Batting Rule. Each player will bat once per inning - no outs are kept.
- Fielders. All players play a position in the field. (Outfielders should be 4 long paces behind infielders). All defensive players on a team may play in the field at the same time.
- Pledge. Before the start of the game, the teams will line-up on the 1st and 3rd base lines while the Pledge of Allegiance & Little League Pledge are recited.
- Hand Shake. At the conclusion of the game, each team will line-up and shake hands as a sign of sportsmanship.
- Rotation. All players must play at least one (1) inning in the infield.
- Base Paths. 50 feet.
- No Sliding Rule. No sliding is allowed when running the bases.
- Ball. A Level-1 baseball shall be used for all games & practices.
- **Bats. Little League International has instituted new bat rules for the 2018 season. All Tee Ball bats used in the Little League Baseball® Tee Ball Program must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text and only used with approved Tee Ball baseballs for Little League play. Tee Ball bats that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be certified using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program. For more information, please go to: <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo/USA-Baseball-Bat-Standard-FAQs.htm> and <https://usabaseballshop.com/products/usabat-tee-ball-sticker?variant=44877922632>**
- Infield Fly Rule. Not in effect.
- No On-Deck Circle. No player shall handle a bat until it is his/her time at bat.
- Coaching. Adults are allowed on the field to help the defensive players (no more than 4). An adult will be at home plate to help the batter in addition to the two (2) base coaches. An adult (not a player) shall field the catcher position.
- Umpiring. 1st base = 1st base coach 2nd base = fielding coach 3rd base = 3rd base coach Home Plate = batting coach
- Evolution to Coach Pitch. As the season progresses, coaches may opt to introduce coach pitching to their own team at their discretion. (For example, five pitches and then use of a tee for players who are ready.)
- Rescheduling of Games. A game that is not started due to weather or other cause shall be rescheduled. The home team manager is responsible to contact the Field Coordinator to have the game rescheduled, and to coordinate the revised game time with the visiting team’s manager.
- Fun Rule. All players should leave the field with a big smile on their face—no score is kept.