

2018 T-Ball League Guidelines

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Game Play

- Games will last 4 times through the batting order for each team or one hour and fifteen minutes, whichever occurs first. Coaches may mutually agree to play longer, but cannot play more than one and one half hour.

Defense

- No more than 4 defensive coaches on the field during play. 3 in the outfield and 1 in the infield.
- All players will play defense in the field each inning, no one on the bench. Consider placing two players on either side of the pitcher's mound, a player just behind second base and then spreading extra players around in the outfield.
- Use excess players in the outfield first so that the infield is not overloaded with players (causing confusion) and so that the hitters have a chance of making it to base.
- Players should get a chance to play as many positions as possible. Consider rotating the players to different defensive positions each inning.
- No players will play catcher, coaches only.

Offense

- No more than 3 offensive coaches on the field during play. 1 for first, 1 for third and 1 with the batter for hitting instruction and batting tee assistance (e.g. ball placement, tee height, removal from plate after hits). A fourth coach/parent should be in the dugout reminding players of the batting order, preparing them to go to the plate, etc...
- Batting tees will be used the entire game for all players, all season long. **No player or coach pitch allowed!** The Tee is located in the unlocked on-field storage box at Smith Field.
- All players will bat each inning. Consider using a static batting order for the season so that the players get to know who they bat after/before. The last batter in the order hits a "grand slam" and clears the bases. Consider rotating the starting batter each inning (e.g. move the last inning's last batter to be the first batter in subsequent inning) to allow a different player the "grand slam."
- Only singles and doubles are allowed. Doubles should be awarded only for true doubles hit, not misplayed fielding.
- **NO BATS** shall be held or used by any player except the player at Home Plate currently hitting. There is **NO SWINGING** by the on-deck batter either.
- Base runners **will** be removed from the base path when out. Close plays should be ruled in favor of the runner.

Game Schedule Changes

- Coaches coordinate together to change game schedules or venues.
- Game cancellations due to rain are to be decided mutually by the two opposing coaches.
- If during a game, thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the game is called. In all other cases of inclement weather during a game, coaches decide mutually if and when to call the game.
- Inform the T-Ball Rep of any cancellations, calls or changes to the schedule or venue.

First Aid & Injuries

- At least one coach from each team must be CPR and Medical certified.
- A First Aid Kit is located in the on-field storage box at Smith Field. The box is not locked.
- **ALL** injuries must be reported to the BLL Safety Officer (Lisa DeGross, 860-329-3460, dltrj25@gmail.com). **Head injuries must be reported immediately!** An incident report should be filled out and submitted.