

2016 T-Ball League Guidelines

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Game Play

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 DeGroff, 860-329-3460, dltrj25@gmail.com). ***Head injuries must be reported immediately!*** An incident report should be filled out and submitted.