

**The Official Babe Ruth League, Cal Riken Division rules apply with the following rules adopted by DBYS.**

*The T-Ball league program is a introductory league. The purpose is to teach the basics of the sport along with the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, running bases in an encouraging and fun environment.*

**PLAYERS:**

- Players should not turn 7 years of age before May 1. Special exceptions may apply.
- Each team will have a maximum of 12 players on the roster. 10 or 11 players are the ideal roster sizes.
- Each team must submit to the board a list of players who are age eligible to be called up to the Rookie division.

**EQUIPMENT:**

- Each team will be supplied with official DBYS equipment.
- Metal spikes are not permitted to be worn, at any time by coaches or players.
- Safety helmets must be worn by batters and runners while they are in the field of play.
- Bats will be a maximum of 26 inches in length, a maximum diameter of 2 ¼ inches. They must weigh between 17 and 20 ounces.
- Ball will be 9 to 9 ½ inches in circumference and weigh 4 to 5 ounces. It must be a softer than a standard baseball such as a “Safety Ball” with a sponge rubber center or a molded core.
- Tee will be a flexible tube on a movable base. It must be adjustable.
- Players’ gloves should not exceed a 10 inch size.

**UNIFORMS:**

- During every game, players **MUST** wear a complete uniform with a jersey, pants, socks and hat. Shorts are not allowed. All shirts should be worn tucked inside of pants.

**SCHEDULE:**

- Regular season should consist of 10 to 12 scheduled games per team.
- The first 4 to 5 weeks of the TBall regular season (after Opening Day) shall consist of practices and games. Ideally, each team should be provided one game and one practice

per week. For the remainder of the TBall season, each team should be provided two games per week.

### **CONDUCT:**

- NO fighting, abusive language or harassment of any kind will be tolerated.
- NO littering or climbing on the backstops or fences is allowed.
- NO dogs are allowed at or on any of the ball fields. You will be fined for this.
- NO SMOKING is allowed on any fields. You will be fined for this.
- NO team manager, coach, player or fan shall at any time, whether from the bench or elsewhere, use abusive language or visible signs that will in any manner refer negatively on their own team or the opposing team.
- Only official team members, coaches and assistant coaches are permitted on the team bench. No siblings.
- No one is permitted to damage or abuse other player's belongings, team equipment, the field of play, portable toilets, sheds or any other buildings or property.
- Both teams must pick up all litter before leaving the field area.
- All coaches representing DBYS are subject to article IV, section 5, of the DBYS by-laws.
- **The coaches, commissioners and board members will strictly enforce these rules. Please help enforce these rules so we do not lose our privileges of using school or municipal property.**
- The Commissioner and the Board are to be notified immediately of any rules infractions.

### **PRE-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Prior to starting each game all rules will be discussed among coaches.
- The Head Coaches from both teams will be responsible for calling a game due to inclement weather before the start of the game. If the game is postponed one of the Coaches is responsible for notifying the League Commissioner.
- Games, if cancelled, should be rescheduled within 48 hours and played upon field availability.

### **FIELD PREPARATION:**

- All coaches should evaluate field conditions and provide a safe playing environment.
- No one under 18 years of age is permitted to drive or ride the Kabota or other specialty equipment as designated by the Board.
- The base paths shall be 60' in length.
- An arc measuring approximately 10 foot radius from home plate, shall be lined on the field prior to each game.

- The Home Team is responsible for the lining of the field, putting the bases out and being ready to start at game time.
- The Visiting Team is responsible for the raking of the field (pitcher's mound, home plate and the base paths) at the end of the game.
- Other arrangements may be made by the two coaching staffs to ensure that all duties are completed in a timely and efficient manner.

#### **OFFICIAL GAME:**

- A typical game will be 3 innings.
- No official scoring will take place.
- No game will start later than 6:00 p.m. with the exception of lighted fields.
- Games should be on a 90-minute time limit. The final batting team should start prior to 10 minutes before the 90-minute time limit. Each inning will consist of all offensive team members batting.
- A removal of players from all bases will occur upon completing the 3rd out. (This will encourage and reward the efforts of getting 3 outs).
- For the second half of the season, a modified coach-pitch format shall be used. Coaches will pitch to their own players. Each batter will be allowed three swings to put the ball in play. If the batter has not put the ball in play after three swings, the tee will be brought in and the batter will continue the at bat using the tee.

#### **DEFENSIVE TEAM PLAYERS (TEAM IN THE FIELD):**

- Two defensive coaches will be allowed in the field to give instruction and he will be responsible to make all calls on the bases (safe, out, leaving early, etc.). His decision is final.
- No player on any team shall sit on the bench for more than two innings and/or two consecutive innings in a game. In addition, all players (when applicable) must sit at least one inning before any player can sit for MORE than one inning. Coaches can sit a player for disciplinary reasons or illness.
- Free substitution will be in effect.
- Defense will consist of 10 players. Each team may field four outfielders.
- A defensive player may not play the same position on defense for more than 2 innings in a game. All players should get equal time in the infield and outfield over the course of the season.

#### **OFFENSIVE TEAM (TEAM AT BAT):**

- Each team will bat the entire roster in order. Players arriving late will be placed at the end of the batting order.

- The ball is put into play when the batter hits the ball and it travels past the 10' mark between the foul lines. The area in front of home plate less than 10' will be designated as the dead ball area.
- There are no walks or strikes.
- No stealing. Runners must remain on base until the ball is put into play. Once the ball is in the infield and an infielder has possession all runners must stop.
- No league player will be permitted to be an offensive coach on the field or as a base coach.

