

## LCSA - 2016 Rules 6U House League

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- 1** T-ball is designed to be an enjoyable learning and sharing experience for all players and parents. Good sportsmanship and safety must be stressed with all players, coaches and parents.
- 2** Coaches on both teams should assist and encourage all players on both teams. Coaches will be responsible for calling outs.
- 3** There are no - team, division or league standings. The emphasis is on learning fundamentals and having an enjoyable season. Exercise patience with the players. Remember that these players have various levels of understanding, skills and attention spans. Keep it meaningful and fun.
- 4** Aluminum or composite tee-ball or fast pitch bats can be used in Tee-ball.
- 5** Players should be instructed to not make fun of or insult other teams' or individuals' play. No defensive yelling "swing" in an attempt to disrupt the batter is allowed. Positive chanting only!
- 6** A thrown bat is an automatic "out" even on a missed ball. Each player will receive one warning. This must be enforced or the kids will not know that it is unsafe. Make sure parents understand this as well. To minimize exposure to a thrown bat, make sure that all parents, players and spectators are off the field or are not sitting too close to the batting area.
- 7** It is recommended that another coach or parent supervise the team when the team is at bat. Try to keep the players seated behind (not climbing on) the backstop. Be sure the on-deck batter is waiting in a safe place and has a helmet on.
- 8** The catcher and first base girl must wear a batting helmet while catching or playing first base, no exceptions. The catcher should stand on the opposite side of home plate from the batter to minimize exposure to a thrown bat.
- 9** T-ball is played on a sixty (60) foot diamond. The Batting Tee will be placed directly on home plate. The tee must be moved prior to a runner coming home.
- 10** A 10" safety or RIF ball will be used for play in T-Ball.
- 11** Each game is one hour. No new inning may begin after the one our time limit. Please finish the inning once it is started. No extra innings are allowed - ties are great at this level.
- 12** An inning consists of every batter having one at bat. The last batter in the lineup is the home run hitter and she will run around all of the bases until she scores or is out. The inning ends after the last batter's at bat is completed. For the second inning, the last batter shall be first up in the next inning in a serpentine format.
- 13** A team must have at least five (5) players to start a game.
- 14** Batting helmets must be worn by the batter and all base runners.
- 15** Each batter will have a total of 4 attempts to hit the ball. These attempts may be any combination of pitches from the coach or off the tee. If you are going to pitch to a batter, please have a coach or volunteer behind the plate to return the ball to the coach in a prompt manner. If a batter does not hit the ball in 4 swings the batter is considered out.
- 16** If a batter takes a full normal swing and hits the ball into fair territory, the ball must travel at least eight (8) feet from home plate. A batted ball that hits the plate and rolls at least eight (8) feet into fair territory from home plate is a fair ball. No bunting is allowed.

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- 17** Base running should be reasonable. No more than two (2) bases shall be advanced by any runner under any circumstances. A true base hit should be a well-hit ball, not a collection of errors. Doubles are allowed if the ball travels to the grass outfield. Base runners may not advance once the ball is in the pitching circle.
- 18** A runner is "out" if hit by a batted ball that has not been touched by the defensive team
- 19** No stealing is allowed. Base runners are also not permitted to lead-off the base and shall remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- 20** Force-outs at all other bases other than 1st are allowed for all defensive players except outfielders. Please teach your outfielders to throw the ball in to the infield.
- 21** Only three (3) coaches are allowed on the playing field for the defensive team. They must not physically assist the players, or interfere with a ball in play. The coaches are to be positioned behind the base paths. T-ball will have a maximum of 10 players on the field. Free substitution is allowed.
- 22** The pitcher must remain in the pitching circle until the ball is batted. First and third base girls shall not play any further than one (1) foot in from of the base until the ball is batted.
- 23** Players shall be rotated during the season to allow them to play all of the defensive positions. No player shall play two consecutive innings in the outfield or at the same position. No more than ten (10) players are allowed on the field at any time.
- 24** All rules not mentioned here shall be governed by Babe Ruth softball rules and/or local rule addendums approved by the Board of Directors.
- 25** Players may not advance on any overthrow.
- 26** The object of the game is to score outs defensively not runs offensively. We want to stress proper base running and stress good defense.
- 27** THIS LEAGUE IS DEVELOPMENTAL AND NON-COMPETITIVE! NO SCORES ARE EMAILED IN AND NO STANDINGS ARE KEPT.