

Union County Little League

T- Ball Rules

- 1) Rawlings Official Baseballs must be used in the games.
- 2) If a scoreboard is available, it will be used.
- 3) T-Ball has a 50-minute time limit. If 7 players are present at the scheduled time, the game will start then. If less than 7 players are present, the team must forfeit. Teams may have practice or a scrimmage with each other for the time scheduled for the game. However, if a team has less than 7 players, the coach may recruit from the player pool as long as the recruited player is the same age or younger than the age group playing.
- 4) The inning is over after the team bats thru their lineup or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
- 5) A continuous batting order is required and must be given to the the other team prior to the start of the game. The order cannot change after the game begins. Each inning begins with the batter who was batting next in the previous inning. The only exception to this rule is if a player becomes injured or if a player is unable to continue then we will skip that batter. The amount of kids batting will be determined by the team with the most kids at the beginning of the game unless 3 outs before.
- 6) The offensive coaches include the 1st base coach, 3rd base coach and batting coach. No offensive coach is allowed inside the baseline, unless pitching to a batter. Two more parents or coaches are allowed in the dugout to assist players. Please also provide a coach to retrieve pitched balls to the batters so the umpire doesn't have to do it.
- 7) Each batter gets 5 swings. A foul ball is counted as a swing. If hitting off the tee their 6th swing must be a fair ball, or the batter is considered out. The ball must cross the 10-foot arch to be considered a fair ball if hitting off the tee. Any pitched ball that is hit that doesn't cross the arch is a live ball.
- 8) Coaches may pitch to players. 3 pitches are allowed, then 2 off of the tee. The coach pitching, must exit the field after the delivery of each pitch. One of the dugout coaches must stand behind the batter. OVER HANDED pitching is required delivery method to boys. UNDER HANDED pitching is the PREFERRED method for girls, but not required. This will prepare boys for baseball and girls for softball.
 - (a) All 6 year olds must be pitched to at least 3 times.
 - (b) If the batter is being pitched too they can foul off as many balls as needed.

- 9) Two coaches are permitted on the field during defense. A 3rd defensive coach can be allowed if agreed upon by the coaches. **These coaches must stand in the grass.**
- 10) The defensive coaches must keep their players out of the baseline.
- 11) Five players are allowed inside the baseline. The outfielders must be at the grass line.
- 12) The pitcher must THROW the ball first to any base. He/She is not permitted to run down the batter. Also the pitcher must be a different player each inning you play.
- 13) The pitcher can only tag the runner when the runner is running to home plate or at home plate. Pitcher must throw ball to all other bases.
- 14) The other players are permitted to tag at any base and any runner.
- 15) All players must throw or hand off the ball, NOT roll it. If the ball is rolled, the runner is safe. If a ball is thrown and rolls to first that is ok.
- 16) Play will be stopped when the lead runner on the bases is stopped by the defense.
- 17) Coaches pitching to kids can start season pitching from about 30/35 feet in April but in May need to be pitching from the normal 40 foot mark which is what the coach pitch distance is. If there is an all girls team then that coach can start at 25/30 feet in April and then in May be at the 35 foot mark.