

Shalimar Little League

2022 T-Ball By-Laws

Revised November 2018

These By-laws have been approved by the Board of Directors, Shalimar Little League (SLL) and will be a supplement to the Official Little League Softball Rule Book. By-Law changes require approval by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Board of Directors.

1. Infield will consist of regular positions, (pitcher, catcher, 1st baseman, 2nd baseman, shortstop and 3rd baseman), all other players will play outfield. Outfielders will be evenly spaced between right and left outfield foul lines. Catcher will remain in designated spot (rubber plates) until the ball is in play.
2. A continuous batting order will be used at all times.
3. A half-inning will end once a team bats through the roster. However, all defensive players must remain in place until the last offensive player is put out or crosses home plate.
 - a. When a player is put out, (in accordance with Little League rules), that player must clear the bases and return to the dugout.
4. Ball must be returned to pitcher to stop the play and pitcher must be in the designated circle on the mound. Once the pitcher has the ball and is in the pitching area, base runners must stop at the base they're headed to. If they're half way when the pitcher reaches the pitching area with the ball they may continue to the base.
5. Three **defensive** coaches allowed outside of dugout, coaches should reside in the outfield behind 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases with 4th Adult Coach to remain in Dugout
6. Catcher, pitcher and all base runners will wear helmets. Pitcher & catcher must wear helmet with face shield.
7. Bat must be labeled T-Ball.
8. Gray baseball pants shall be worn by all players.
9. Ball must travel 5 feet from the plate to be a hit
10. Ball will be a RIF 5 baseball.
11. Team parent, Coach, or Approved Volunteer must remain in the dugout at all times.
12. Time Limit: 4 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever comes first. Exception: Back to Back Friday Games and Back to Back Saturday Games teams will have a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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13. 2nd Half of the Season Coach Pitch Option: (All 1st half rules still apply).

- a. One ADULT member of the offense's SLL approved coaching staff may pitch to his/her batters. ONLY Adult coaches will pitch to players, in games and at practice!
 - i. Once the adult pitcher starts the half inning, he/she may not be swapped in and out. However, if the adult pitcher is unable to throw a hittable ball, he/she can be replaced, but may not pitch again in that game.
 - ii. Adult pitcher must pitch from the designated pitching area.
 - iii. Adult pitcher may deliver the ball to the batter with an overhand or underhand throw.
- b. Each batter will receive up to 3 coach pitched balls to attempt to put the ball in play. If after 3 pitches, the player is unable to put the ball into play, that batter will use the "T" for the remainder of that at bat.
- c. The Catcher will not receive pitched ball from the adult pitcher, an adult with the batter will make sure the catcher is back to the net and protected from any foul balls.
- d. This is an option of play and either team or player may opt to only hit off the "T" for the second half of play. This does not mean that if one team doesn't want to play with coach pitch that the other team can't either. Also, if the parents of one child on the team wants their child to only hit off the "T", it doesn't mean the entire team has to.