

CHOWCHILLA LITTLE LEAGUE
GROUND RULES
2026 REGULAR SEASON

TEE BALL

Batting Order: A continuous batting order will be used. Everyone will bat in the 1st inning. From the 2nd inning on three (3) outs or batting through the lineup once will retire the side.

The Batter: During the first half of the season, a batter shall hit the ball off the tee to put the ball into play. During the second half of the season, a batter shall receive three (3) pitches from a coach to hit a fair ball. If the batter fails to hit the ball after the third pitch, ball will be placed back on the tee and the batter will receive two (2) additional swings to put the ball into play or be called out.

Required Playing Time: All players will play defensively, with any number of players present. There will be four (4) outfielders at all times. Outfielders may be positioned between baselines and grass. No catcher will be used in tee ball. When players show up late they will be placed at the bottom of the batting order. Players can enter the game at any time.

Coaches: In Tee Ball division there can be 1 (one) rostered manager and three (3) rostered coaches, plus two (2) additional practice coaches, which will be allowed to be on the field IF one or more of the four (4) rostered manager/coaches are unable to attend due to work or other prior commitments. During the first half of the season, on offense, one coach will be in the third base coach's box; one will be in the first base coach's box; one will be able to help the batter with being in the box properly; the other must remain in the dugout. There must be a coach (not a parent) in the dugout at all times. During the second half of the season, the one coach helping the batter will be replaced by a coach pitching to his own team. On defense there can be two (2) coaches on the field. These coaches must remain in the grass. Coach them, don't assist them. One defensive coach is required to umpire.

Pitchers: During the first half of the season, the youth pitcher shall stay in contact with the pitcher's plate until the ball is hit. During the second half of the season, a coach on the roster will pitch to his own team. Coaches who are pitching must avoid interfering with the ball or fielders. The coach must make every effort to avoid contact with the live ball; if unavoidable, play continues. When the coach is pitching, the youth pitcher must line up even with or behind the rubber just to the right or left of the coach.

Base Runners: Runners are entitled to at least one base on a batted ball. There will be no advancing on an overthrow. If a ball reaches the outfield (fly or rolling) the runners may advance until the ball comes back to the infield dirt. Runner will get the base he/she is advancing to but if put out then the out will stand. If the player gets "out" they will remain on the base. If three (3) outs are made then the bases will be cleared and continue.

Time Limit: The game is over 50 minutes from scheduled start time. Get started and keep the game moving. This is a drop dead time limit. No finish of an inning.

Age Restrictions: Tee Ball will consist of players league age five (5) and six (6) years old.