

T-BALL DIVISION LOCAL RULES FOR 2024

Set forth below are the local rules for the 2024 season that will apply to the Poway National Little League T-Ball Division, plus selected standard Little League rules are offered for emphasis and importance.

1. Recommended Age:

The recommended age for the T-Ball Division is league age 4 – 6.

2. Objective:

The T-Ball Division is designed to introduce young children to organized sports and begin to teach baseball fundamentals and sportsmanship. Winning is not emphasized. Standings and scores are not kept.

3. Playing Time:

a) Everyone who is present for the game will be in the batting order for that game. If a player arrives late to a game, that player will be inserted at the end of the batting order.

b) Each player is to play at least 50% of the game infield and 50% outfield throughout the entire season.

c) Each half inning will end when the team at bat has batted through their complete line-up.

d) The defensive player shall attempt to make the proper play to retire a batter or runner. If a throw gets past the intended baseman, the ball is dead. No extra bases will be awarded in the event of an overthrow.

e) The first half of the season will be played where the runner stays on base regardless of if he/she is thrown out. For the second half, if the runner is thrown out then he/she will go to the dugout.

4. Behavior:

The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, parent, spectator, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, or commits any violation of Little League/Poway National Little League Rules at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local league Board of Directors Grievance Committee.

5. Time limits:

a) Infield practice will be limited to 10 minutes per team only if time permits.

b) All games must start and end on time.

c) Each game shall have a one hour and 15 minute (1-1/4) kill-time, which is counted from the scheduled starting time. The game shall be called regardless of the number of innings played, or

which half-inning is in progress. If the start of the game is delayed, it shall not interfere with the start of the following game.

6. Pitching Rules:

Pitching is allowed and pitches will be delivered by the offensive team's coach. For the sake of keeping the game moving each batter is allowed 3 pitches and if after 3 pitches he/she does not hit the ball the Tee will be used and the batter will continue until he/she hits the ball fair.

7. Catching Rules:

The catcher must wear a catcher's mitt (not a first baseman's mitt or fielder's mitt). Catchers must wear the metal, fiber or plastic type cup, a chest protector with pelvic guard and neck collar, shin guards, and a catcher's helmet and mask with a "dangling" type throat guard. The catcher's helmet must bear the NOCSAE stamp. Skull caps are not permitted.

8. Base Stealing and Bunting:

Base stealing and bunting are not allowed.

9. Game Ball:

Special "low injury" balls shall be used. Home team manager will get two (2) new balls from the storage box for each game. Each team will keep one of the game balls after each game to replenish their practice balls.

10. Adults in the Dugout:

At least one, rostered coach must remain in the dugout whenever players are present in the dugout.

11. Field Preparation:

The home team shall prepare the field for play. The visiting team shall retire the field. Each team is responsible to ensure their dugout and surrounding area is clean before they leave the field. The catcher's gear, batting tee and bases must be put away and locked up in the T-Ball storage container behind the T-Ball backstop. On Saturday, only the last teams to play shall put the equipment away in the storage container and secure the lock. The visiting team of the last game of the day shall be responsible for pulling the trash bags and tying the top and leaving it by the trash can and putting in the new trash bag left on the handle. This is to help expedite the closing process for the board member in charge that night.

12. Batting Team:

THERE IS NO 'ON-DECK' POSITION. No player in the dugout may have a bat in hand. The batter is the only person that should have a bat in hand. Only the batter, base runners and base coaches from the batting team are allowed on the field during play. On-deck batters shall not be allowed on the field. All other players must remain in the dugout during play.

13. Fielding Team:

All players shall take the field during their defensive half of the inning. Managers will field 6 players in the infield. All other players must be in the outfield, on the grass, at least 10 feet from the infield boundary.

14. Food in the Dugout:

No Food is allowed in the dugout.

15. Uniform:

Uniform consists of shirt, hat and long pants. No shorts are allowed. Number 11 and 42 are retired numbers and may not be used by any PNLL player.

11) Michael Cammarata – Former LLWS player. Fallen 9/11 firefighter.

42) Jackie Robinson – Former MLB player