

SVLL T-Ball Level 2019

Goals: The primary goals of the Farm League Division are to provide a solid foundation in **fundamentals** and **skills** of baseball and for our players to have **fun**.

1. **Age:** This level is for league age 5 years old, in addition to play up/down requests
2. **Safety:** Safety is always a priority. The following rules must be followed during all games and practices.
 - All batters, catchers, and base runners must wear approved helmets.
 - "On deck" swinging of the bat is never allowed
 - Throwing the bat will result in an automatic out
 - Climbing on the screens and backstop is not allowed
 - Every team should assign a parent as the safety/bench parent
 - No sliding is allowed at this level
 - League will provide buckets for the kids to sit on
3. **Score:** No official scores or team standings will be kept at this level. Umpires are not utilized.
4. **Time Limit:** 1 hour (please do not start an inning if you are close to your time limit). Four Inning maximum.
5. **Field:**
 - All kids field each inning
 - Additional fielders will be allowed at each position
 - i. 1st base, 1st + base, 2nd base, 2nd + base, etc.
 - Two defensive players are permitted to stand near the pitching mound
 - No limit to the number of coaches helping on defense in the field
 - One coach only at home plate for instructional purposes
 - Adult base coaches are required at first and third base
6. **Outs/Retiring the Inning:** Players are not put out at T-Ball level, except for disciplinary reasons. The inning ends when the entire roster has hit.
7. **Playing Time:** The defensive team shall field ALL players. No player shall sit out unless for disciplinary action or injury. Players must be rotated to all positions on the field during the season. No player shall play any one position for more than two innings in a game.
8. **Runners:** There is no stealing. The runners may not advance until the ball is hit.

9. **Advancing:** Players are only allowed to advance one base at a time. Last batter is a 'homerun hitter' to clear the bases.
10. **Strike-outs:** There will be no strike outs.
11. **Hitting:** There is no bunting at this level.
12. **In Field Fly Rule:** There is no infield fly rule in effect at this age level.
13. **Pitching:** There is no pitching at this level.
14. **Events:** Team will not have more than 3 organized events per week.
15. **Pre-Game Meeting:** Managers should always meet prior to the game to review any rules or issues.
16. **Rules:** With the exceptions noted, all other minor leaguer rules shall apply in accordance with the current year rule book.