

Bubba Ball

Rules and Information

Emphasis: To introduce your child to the basic fundamentals of baseball in a fun learning environment. This division is designed for the first-time baseball player.

Player's Age:

- All players should be 3-4 years old by September 1st for the year participating in Bubba Ball. Exceptions to the age rule will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Rules:

- Game length: up to 50 minutes. Home team Manager's keeps time.
- Before the game begins, provide a colored wrist band to every player.
- Teams will "practice" and/or stretch 10 minutes.
- At game start, teams will line up by the home plate foul lines and recite the pledge; with adult help of course. While maintaining proper social distancing.
- No score is kept.
- Each team must have at least 2 adult coaches on the field for player supervision. However, the more the better at this stage. Parent volunteers are welcome as your child may and will need you close by on the field. You will need a badge.
- At the end of the game each team will line up on the foul lines by home plate, then fist bump or high five each other.

Offense:

- Each team will bat its entire roster in each inning one complete time, which will constitute a half inning of play. Use line up card in backpack. This will help the coach keep track of who batted first. This will ensure every player bats first.
- A fair ball is any ball hit between the foul lines. Batters that hit a ball will run all bases for a "homerun."
- Players not batting must be a safe distance from the batter's box to avoid getting hit with the ball or flying baseball bat. It has happened!

Defense:

- Defensive colored cones can be placed in each position. These cones match the band provided before the game starts so they know where to stand. Coaches can move the cones after each half inning according to the lineup. No player shall play catcher for safety reasons.
- Balls put into play should be "thrown" to the nearest base. Outs are not recorded in Bubba Ball. The point is to get players used to fielding and throwing to bases.

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Equipment:

- All playing fields consist of a home plate mat, a batting tee and 3 bases.
- The game ball is foam rubber and is safe for kids to play without gloves. Players that want to play with a glove can do so. This is encouraged as they will be using a glove for Tee Ball. The league does not provide the glove.
- ASWLL furnishes the following equipment, colored cones, colored wristbands, bubba baseballs, ball towel and bats. All players are provided a baseball cap and jersey. For child's safety, no names are allowed on back of jersey.
- Pants should be gray or white i.e shorts, baseball pants or jeans. Color chosen is at the Head Coach's discretion.
- The home team for the last game of the day will be responsible for picking up the colored cones. This greatly assists the tear down crew. At the end of the game, cones, balls and bats are placed in the equipment bag.

Badges:

- All volunteers must have a badge for field access. Those without an approved current badge will be escorted off the field. No exceptions. This is for player safety. Register at www.aswll.com. **You must choose the assistant coach role in order to proceed to the background check process.** Little League will send you an email to process and complete the background check. The email is valid for 24 hours. All other roles do not require a background check and will not be issued a badge. You will receive an email once your background check is cleared and your badge is ready. Badges will be available at the volunteer tent in front of the Blue fields. Email badges@aswll.com with any questions.

Spectator Conduct:

- Positive team support is encouraged. Offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated. Each Manager is responsible for the conduct of all persons on his/her team or supporting his/her team. Fans are encouraged to cheer, encourage and support both teams. They are expected to be courteous and set a good example for the players.

