

Tee Ball 1

Rules and Information

Emphasis: To build on the basic fundamentals learned in Bubba Ball. Players learn more about the game and development of skills and rules.

Players Age:

- All players should be 5 years old by September 1st for the year participating in Tee Ball. Exceptions to the age rule will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Rules:

- Game length: 3 innings or up to 50 minutes whichever comes first. Home team's Manager is the game umpire. Visitor team's Manager keeps time.
- No score is kept and no outs are recorded.
- Home team is assigned the first base dugout. Visitor is assigned third base dugout. Teams are responsible for cleaning up dugouts after their game.
- Teams will line up by the home plate foul lines and recite the pledge; with adult help. While maintaining proper social distancing.
- There must be at least 2 adult coaches on the field for player supervision with current badge. But no more than 5. One each on first and third bases, two in the outfield and one in the dugout.
- At the conclusion of each game, teams will line up on first and third bases; then shake hands or fist bump. (Optional)

Offense:

- Each team will bat its entire roster in each inning one complete time, which will constitute a half inning of play. The batter and every base runner may only advance one base per at bat. Last batter on the rotation will hit the "homerun." See sample rotation card in purple folder. This will help the Manager keep track of who batted first. This will also ensure every player plays every position.
- A fair ball is any ball hit between the foul lines.
- Players not batting need to be inside the dugout to avoid getting hit with the ball or flying baseball bat. There is NO on deck batter. This is for player safety.

Defense:

- When on defense, player is assigned a designated fielding position. See sample rotation card in purple folder. This will help the Manager keep track of who played what position. This will ensure every player plays every position throughout the season. No catcher or pitcher are used as this level. This is for player safety.
- When a ball is put into play, have the fielder throw to the nearest base.
- Outfielders must throw the ball to an infielder covering a base. Outfielder cannot run and tag the base runner out. Outfield coaches may not interfere with any live ball. They can instruct players on where to throw the ball. Outfield coaches can use this as a teaching opportunity.

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Equipment:

- All playing fields consist of a home plate mat, a batting tee, tee balls and 3 bases.
- Players will need to provide their own glove.
- ASWLL furnishes the following team equipment Tee Ball bats and first aid kit. However, if you would like to purchase an approved bat, make sure it has the USA logo. Do not remove that plastic wrapping until you have gotten the bat looked at by league officials, if you are in doubt. This will help if you need to return or exchange the bat to the store of purchase.
- Each player is provided with a batting helmet, socks, baseball cap and jersey. No names are allowed on the back of the jersey. This is for player safety.
- Pants should be gray or white. The color chosen is at the manager's discretion.
- Players will need rubber cleats.

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 Head Coach or Assistant Coach role in order to proceed to the background check process.** 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 can be picked up at the volunteer tent in front of the blue fields on any game day. Badges will be provided to the team manager for distribution.

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 and support both teams. They are expected to be courteous and set a good example for the players.

