

## Linthicum Ferndale Youth Athletic Association 5-6 (Clinic) T-Ball Rules

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**A. Players-** Each player must be of proper age by September 1st of the current year. No player reaching his/her seventh birthday prior to September 1st will be permitted to play in the 5/6 (Clinic) League.

**B. Team-** All players on the roster shall play defensively every inning. The infield shall consist of the following positions: Pitcher, Catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, Shortstop, Short-field and 3rd base. The remaining players shall be positioned in the outfield. At no time are extra players permitted to play in the infield.

**C. Coaches-** Coaches will pitch a MAXIMUM of 5 pitches to each batter. If after 5 pitches the batter has not hit the ball into play, a tee will be provided to the batter.

- Coaches do not field balls in play, but rather do their best to avoid batted balls and plays in motion.
- A player shall be positioned either behind or to the right of the Coach Pitcher or even with the Coach Pitcher. No player playing the pitcher position shall be in front of the Coach Pitcher at any time.
- A Coach or other Background Checked Volunteer shall be placed in the catcher position at all times.
- In order to expedite game play, Coach Pitchers should start with 5 balls at the pitcher mound and pitch balls consecutively to the batter. After each batter has batted the catcher may throw all 5 balls back to the Coach Pitcher.
- Each team must have two Defensive Coaches in the outfield directing players and providing instruction. Other than the Coach Pitcher, no Coach is permitted to remain in the infield.
- Offensively, one Coach shall be placed at 1st base and one shall be placed at 3rd base. The purpose of these Coaches is to provide direction and instruction.

### **D. Game Play-**

- No rules for starting games with less than 9 players.
- No new innings shall start after one hour of game time.
- Players are encouraged to make a play at any base. Tag plays at home are not permitted due to player collision.
- Players are encouraged to touch the base as opposed to tagging the runner.
- Runners must avoid contact on all close plays at the bases.
- Fielders are not permitted to block bases to avoid a runner's progression.
- On an infield batted ball the batter will take only one base. On an outfield batted ball, the batter is permitted to run until the defensive team gets the ball into the infield. Batters and base runners are limited to a maximum of 2 bases.
- Sliding is not permitted at any bases EXCEPT for home plate. Runners shall be permitted to slide at home ONLY if properly trained to do so.
- Stealing or leading off a base is not permitted. Players are to remain on the base until a batter hits the ball.
- If at any time a player leaves or enters the field, a time out must be called to stop game play.
- Score- Scores are not tallied in the 5/6 (Clinic) League. An inning will be declared complete when 3 outs are obtained OR when a team has scored 5 runs in a single inning.

- The only exception to the 3 out rule as stated above is the last/final inning.

**E. Miscellaneous:**

- Coaches and Team Parents are responsible for the cleanliness of the dugout/bench area after their game. All trash must be placed in the trash receptacle located at Field 1.
- Home Team is responsible for removing the bases, inserting the base plugs and putting the bases away EVERY night. Bases are not to be left in the ground under ANY circumstances.
- Visiting Team is responsible for ensuring all trash is removed from the spectator area and placed in the trash receptacles.