

**Northwest Forsyth American Little League
Tee Ball Baseball – Local Rules**

The objective of Tee Ball Baseball is to have FUN learning the fundamentals of the game while providing as many opportunities (positions and innings) as possible for each player to play defense and bat.

- **Balls:** All players, boys and girls, will use a Baseball T-ball; even for softball t-ball girls teams. This is done as softball sized balls are often difficult for players in this age range to handle and negatively impact the learning of proper fielding, throwing, and catching skills.
- **Batting Order:** All players present shall be in the batting order for the entire game.
- **Playing Time:** All players present shall play a defensive position each inning. All defensive players must start 15 feet from home plate. There is no limit to positioning players within the infield. A player may only play 1 inning per game at either the pitcher or 1st base position. The “Pitcher” position is considered any player in an advanced defensive position (inside the base path, without exceeding 15’ from home plate rule). Coaches are encouraged to move players around in an attempt to give each player an equal opportunity at a chance to make a defensive play on the ball during a game.
- **Play:** Rosters may have fewer than 8 players – the minimum to play a game is 5 players. In each inning, all players present will bat one time. After the first 2 regular season games, it is at the coach’s sole discretion to have an adult “pitch” 3 balls to the batter first (NOTE: if a player is already hitting a coach pitch ball prior to start of regular season, Head Coach should discuss moving player to A Coach Pitch with player parents and consult with Tee Ball Director.). If no ball is batted into fair territory, then set-up tee and allow player to hit from tee. No outs are counted through the entire season. Each batted ball in fair territory will result in a “single” for the batter and advance of one base for each runner until the last batter of an inning. The last batter in each half inning will automatically hit a home run and all batters will run all bases to reach home.
- **Time Limit:** 1 hour
- **Ending an Inning:** Each inning will end after the last player present bats (all players present bat each inning).
- **Stopping Play:** Play is stopped once each batter/runner has advanced one base; except for the last batter as described above. Defensive player with the ball will throw the ball to the batting team coach responsible for their batters (either at plate with tee or at pitching rubber pitching).
- **Overthrow:** There is no advance on overthrows of any kind. On each play, defensive players are encouraged to make a throw to achieve an out or run to the nearest base if it is their defensive base (do NOT encourage players to run to a base that is manned by another player, encourage them to make the throw).
- **Coaches:** We encourage all parents to get involved with their team and help with instruction. It is up to the manager to decide how many coaches are needed to help. All parents who wish to be engaged with the team in the dugout or on the field must formally apply through the NWFALL volunteer application process. These coaches shall not interfere with balls in play. If a ball is inadvertently touched by a coach in the field of play, it will be treated as a live ball situation.
- **No digging is allowed:** To maintain fields and prevent injuries, players may not dig while on defense. First offense is a warning, second offense is removal for that inning, and third offense is removal from the game.
- **Field Maintenance:** The home team is required to line the field prior to the game. The visitor team is required to rake the field after the game.
- The Little League Pledge will not be observed at the beginning of each game. At the conclusion of each game, teams shall line-up and high-five.