



Tomball Little League TBall Division 2016

4 Year Old TBall Division

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Each team will consist of 11-13 players with 4 adults (1 manager, 3 coaches). Teams may practice a maximum of 1 ½ hours per week and play a maximum of 1 game per week (on Saturday if possible). Teams will use a “low-impact ball” or an “incrediball”. Games will consist of 2 innings, and no score will be kept. On offense, each team will bat the entire line-up in each half inning. Any player that gets out by conventional Baseball rules will be removed from the bases. There is no limit to the number of outs per half inning. Example: after three outs we will not clear the bases and continue the batting order. After the last batter bats and no runners or batter-runner is put out, the ball will become dead and all remaining runners will circle the bases and score. Players will remain on base when “put out”, and the last batter will advance to home plate at the end of the half inning.

A manager/coach will coach 1st and 3rd bases, 1 will be at home plate to assist batters and the 4th will be in the dugout.

On defense, each team will be allowed a pitcher, catcher and 5 infielders, with the remainder of players in the outfield. Infielders may be no closer than the pitcher’s mound prior to the ball being hit. During

the game, no player will play 2 innings in the outfield. 1 defensive coach may position himself in the outfield.

Little League Shirt with patch and hat required on game days.

Both teams are responsible for cleaning out dugout, empty trash in dugout to park cans, check stands for trash.

5 Year Old T-ball Division Guidelines

No standings will be kept for t-ball. Every player shall receive a trophy at his or her last game.* (*only during Spring season)

After every game, the players, managers, and coaches shall be expected to patrol the dugouts, stands, and fence lines on their side of the field for trash. Managers may be penalized for not enforcing this rule.

All participants must adhere to the two-activity rule, i.e., players may participate in up to, but no more, than two team activities, such as games or practices, a week.

Practice time will start when the manager designates a certain time for the boys/girls to be at the practice field and not when the last player gets to the practice field. Practices may not last longer than 1 hour.

The t-ball playing field shall be identical in dimensions to a Little League except that the base paths shall be fifty feet long.

Each game will last 1 hour. Do not start new inning after 45 min. Drop dead at 1 hour unless there is a batter at bat. Allow him/her to complete their "at bat"

Teams are allowed three (3) adult coaches and one (1) team mom in the dugout. When batting, three (3) coaches are allowed on the playing field. One first base coach and one third base coach may advise base runners, but these coaches shall not interfere with play. A manager or coach may assist in positioning the batter and the Tee. Batters must stay in the batter's box when swinging at the ball.

When playing defense, only two (2) coaches shall be allowed on the playing field. The two coaches may stand near the defensive players to offer advice, but shall not interfere with play.

Managers shall get their players on and off the field quickly. There will be no deliberate game delays. Of course, time may be taken to care for an injury on the field.

Arguing or any other unsportsmanlike-like conduct will not be tolerated.

A perpetual batting order will be used. Each team member will have a permanently assigned place in the batting order and any players added to the team roster shall be assigned the last position in the batting order. Batting order must be continued, in order, from game to game. Where you stop one game is where you begin the next game.

The defensive players at the positions of pitcher and catcher must wear helmets or masks.

When all defensive players are in proper position, the defensive manager will indicate to the umpire that his/her team is ready. The coach located behind home plate will place the ball on the tee.

The offensive side is retired when three out have been made, five runs have scored.

The batting tee will not be raised above the waist.

No bunting is allowed in T-ball.

Foul balls are identical to conventional baseball, with two exceptions: The ball is foul if it does not travel out the circle or, the ball is foul if the bat hits the tee.

No practice swings shall be permitted in the dugout or batter's box.

A strike shall be defined as a total miss of the ball or a foul ball (when the batter has less than two strikes). The intent is to have the batter hit a fair ball.

Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Base runners may not advance after a play has been made, or an outfield ball reaches the infield.

When a ball thrown in from the outfield crosses the plane (base line) between first and second bases or second and third bases, the play is over. If the base runner has not reached the halfway mark between the bases by that time, he/she must return to the base last touched. If the base runner has reached the halfway point, he/she may attempt to advance to the next base at their own risk. The umpires are responsible for keeping track of the base runners, and shall determine the base the runner is entitled to.

All players shall be used defensively, and every player shall have the opportunity to play an infield position for at least one inning of each game. A regulation infield shall be used, consisting of a pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, and the third baseman. "Creative" positioning is not allowed. All remaining players will be used in the outfield. The outfielders must stay behind the grass line until the ball is hit.

The infield fly rule does not apply in t-ball.

6yr old COACH PITCH/T-ball

The 6yr old T-ball division will be a coach pitching / teeing type offense. This will be an Addendum to the rules from the red book.

Each batter will get a MAX of FIVE attempts to put a FAIR BALL in play. The first **three pitches to each batter may be** delivered by an offensive coach. After the first three from the coach, a batting tee is brought in to aid child in hitting. The offensive coach will deliver the pitches from the mound. **The coach shall have at least one foot on the rubber. Coaches may deliver pitches from one knee position.**

The batter has two final swings off tee. If he misses or fouls on the 5th pitch, the child is out.

The player / pitcher will be positioned on either side of the coach with one foot on the mound or in the dirt area. When the ball is being hit from the tee, the coach pitching must leave the field and the player / pitcher must be in contact with the rubber when the ball is hit.

The offensive pitching coach will not get involved in coaching out in the field. His priority is pitching the ball and monitoring the home plate area.

If the ball hits the pitching coach it is considered a live ball and play will continue.

Pitcher player must be wearing a helmet when in the field.

All players playing the catching position must have a catching helmet with face mask and throat protector. Make sure the catcher's helmet stays on his head the entire half inning.

There will be no knelling behind home plate; it will be the coach's responsibility to position the catcher in a safe position before the pitch is delivered.

There will be no practice swings in or out of the batter's box before the pitch is delivered to the batter.