

Avon Little League
Rules for T-Ball Softball - 2019 Season

This league shall be primarily governed by the “Official Rules of Little League Softball,” as published by Williamsport, PA. The following exceptions and modifications to the existing rules have been generated and Board approved in the interest of safety, fair play, and more even competition.

I. Pre-Game and Post-Game Rules:

A. Home team duties and responsibilities

1. Uses the 1st base dugout
2. Has the field for practice from 35 to 20 minutes before start of the game
3. Furnishes a new game ball
4. Gets out the tee from the storage shed before the game

B. Visiting team duties and responsibilities

1. Uses the 3rd base dugout
2. Has the field for practice 20 to 5 minutes prior to start of game.
3. Furnishes a good back-up ball
4. Puts away the tee in the storage shed after the game

C. Dual responsibilities

1. Visitors will be listed first on the game schedule unless otherwise noted.
2. Any available practice time prior to 35 minutes shall be shared equally. If a prior game or event on the field reduces combined practice time to less than 30 minutes, available time will be shared equally.
3. All players and equipment not directly involved in the game must remain on the bench.
4. No batting practice is permitted on the field, within 1 hour before the start of any game.
5. There is no on-deck position in Little League. No batter may warm up outside the field of play.
6. Each team is responsible for cleaning trash from their respective dugout.

II. General Rules and Avon Little League Rules:

A. Game Play

1. Time limit will be 1 hour and 15 minutes from the start of the game. Once the time limit has been reached, the current inning should be finished. This is actual start time, not game time. The next inning begins after the 3rd out or 5th run is scored.
2. The maximum amount of innings played will be 4 innings.
3. Each inning will have a 5 run limit. An inning is over after 3 outs or 5 runs are scored.
4. Teams will have a maximum of 9 defensive players on the field. This includes 4 outfielders and no catcher. All fielders must assume normal defensive positions.
5. There will be no steals. There will be no extra bases allowed on fielding errors.
6. On balls hit to the outfield, runners will be frozen as soon as the ball is in the infield.
7. Leading off is not permitted.
8. There will be no mercy-rule.
9. The tee will be used for the entire game. The ball must travel 10 ft or be declared a foul ball.
10. There are no walks.
11. There are no strikeouts but outs will be called.
12. Score will not be kept. There will be no tracking of wins and losses.
13. Infield fly rule is NOT in effect.
14. Sliding is not permitted.

B. Players and Coaches

1. The defensive team is allowed 2 coaches on the field, typically one on the right side of the field and one on the left side of the field. The offensive team is allowed 3 coaches on the field – a 1st base coach, 3rd base coach, and one coach manning the tee.
2. There are no call-ups for T-Ball Softball. If not enough players are available to field an infield, teams are encouraged to use players from the other team.
3. All players will play the infield and outfield evenly. It is the manager's responsibility to be sure that all players have had a chance to play each position throughout the season.
4. No player will sit out more than 1 defensive inning each game.
5. No player will be permitted to play the same position more than 1 inning in a game.
6. Defensive players must not be moved during an inning except for an injury or other emergency.
7. All players present will bat in a continuous batting order. If a player shows up late, she will assume the last position in the original batting order. If a player is injured or leaves a game early other than for an ejection, her spot in the order is bypassed and no out is recorded. All players will be given the opportunity to bat first in the lineup at least once.
8. Managers will not be allowed to cancel any games. Any cancellations due to inclement weather will be decided by the League President or "his/her designee", in consultation with the Avon Parks and Rec Dept. If a conflict exists with a school function affecting several members of the team, the manager must contact the GM, not less than 7 days before the assigned game, to request a change of schedule. All make-up games must be rescheduled with the GM and Scheduler.

C. Equipment

1. 11" yellow soft Incrediball will be used.
2. Batters must wear a helmet with a facemask.
3. All players must wear their League provided t-shirt.
4. No player is allowed to wear any jewelry. Newly pierced ears must be bandaged.
5. Bats must feature the Little League or USA Baseball Logo.
6. Players playing the pitching position must wear a facemask and must play even with or behind the pitching rubber.
7. It is recommended that all infielders wear a facemask.

III. Umpires:

Umpires are not used in T-Ball. The first base coach will call outs at 1st base, one of the defensive coaches in the field will call outs at 2nd base, the 3rd base coach will call outs at 3rd base, and the coach manning the tee will call outs at home.

IV. Rules Violations or Disciplinary Issues:

At the recommendation of the GM and at the discretion of the President or his/her designee, a player, manager, or coach may be suspended for disciplinary reasons or rules violations for one game. If this occurs a second time, the Board of Directors shall review the player, manager, or coach, for possible expulsion from the league. All league officials can recommend disciplinary action to the President for all off field violations by players, managers, coaches, parents, etc., while on Little League property at any time.

V. Lightning:

If a lightning strike occurs 30 minutes prior to the start of a game or during a game, ALL games being played at the park where the lightning occurs (Veterans Memorial Park or Little League Park) shall be immediately cancelled and rescheduled as set forth under the General rules and Avon Little League rules section. The official Little League rule pertaining to a 30 minute wait between lightning strikes is suspended in this instance.