

**Martinez-Evans Little League  
2021 Tee Ball (TB) Local Rules**

1. **Regulation game:** A regulation game will consist of three innings or one hour (1:00) from the scheduled starting time of the game. A minimum of eight players per team is required to play a regulation game. After one hour (1:00), the manager will stop the game regardless of the play situation. No batters will bat, nor complete a turn at bat after the time period has elapsed.
2. Only approved Little League bats, bearing the USA Bat marking, are allowed.
  - Penalties will be enforced when illegal bats are used. For 1st and 2nd violations, Little League rule 6.06(d) will apply. In addition, for a 2<sup>nd</sup> violation during the season, the manager will be suspended for one game and suspended for the remainder of the season for a 3<sup>rd</sup> violation.
3. **Batting order is continuous and includes all players in attendance at the game.** Once the game has begun, the batting order must be maintained throughout the entirety of the game. Any player not present at the start of the game must be added to the bottom of the batting order. Exception: if player becomes hurt or ill.
4. The batter shall immediately take a position in the batter's box. The batter shall take a maximum of two practice swings. □ A batter cannot strike out.
  - A batted ball must pass the arc marked in front of home plate to be considered a fair ball (the arc should have a radius of approximately 15' from the rear of home plate and should extend in front of home plate from the right foul line to the left foul line).
  - The batter shall not carry the bat to 1st base. The bat should be dropped when the ball is hit.
  - Should the batter sling the bat, the coach will give a verbal warning to the batter. Upon a 2nd violation by the same batter in the same game, the batter will be called out and returned to the dugout. A third violation of this rule will result in the player being removed from game participation.
5. **Last batter rule:** When the last batter comes to the plate, the batting coach will announce to the opposing team 'last batter'. The batter may be put out by the defensive team by getting the ball to any base in front of the batter. For purposes of implementation, when the last batter takes his place in the batter's box, it is to be assumed that two outs exist and the bases are all occupied. The 'dead ball' rule is in effect during the last batter.
6. **Defensive player positions:** No player will be allowed to play the entire game in one position. Players should rotate positions at least once per game. Whenever possible, players should play both an outfield and an infield position in each game. (If a player does not have the opportunity to play an infield position during the game, then he should start in the infield in the next game.) Should a coach or parent have concerns about a player being able to protect themselves while playing an infield position, the coach may, with parent approval and notification to the league VP, have the player make his rotations in the outfield positions.
  - The infield will consist of six (6) infielders; 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitcher and catcher. The outfield will consist of all other players on the team
  - The pitcher is required to stand on the rubber until the ball is hit
  - Catchers are to stand behind the batting coach until the ball is hit
7. **Throws:** When the ball is hit, the fielding player must throw the ball with an overhead motion when attempting to put a player out. The intent of the rule is to prohibit rolling the ball with an underhand action to avoid misplay by the receiving players. Outfielders CANNOT make a play in the infield. They must throw the ball to an infielder to make an out. No player will run the ball to the base unless that base is the direct responsibility of the defensive player with the ball. **Exception:** When in the manager's judgment, the ball was fielded near enough to a base so that only a few steps were required for the original fielder to make the out at the base. This rule does not preclude underhand throws from shortstop to second for example, when seeking a force play and the fielding of the ball dictates an underhand throw.
8. **Overthrow:** An overthrow is any thrown ball that enters foul territory. The ball becomes a "dead ball" at the time the ball enters foul territory. The coach responsible for that foul line will immediately call time as soon as the ball enters foul territory and each runner including the batter will be awarded the base to which he/she was going at the time the ball entered foul territory. A runner that is standing on a base at the time the ball enters foul territory will not be awarded the next base. If the ball hits the fence or the wall behind home plate, it will be called a "dead ball". **Exception:** If the ball is thrown to the 1st baseman, is dropped and goes into foul territory, where the defensive player can retrieve the ball with minimal steps and returns to the base before the runner arrives, the runner will be out.
9. **Throws to Home Plate:** On throws to home plate to retire a runner, only the catcher may field the ball. On balls missed by the catcher that enter foul territory, the overthrow rule will apply. Throws taken by a player other than the catcher will result in a runner scoring and all runners advancing to the base to which they were going.

10. Any player who has failed to make sufficient practices as determined by the manager does not have to be played; but if he/she is not going to be playing, the manager must report the information to the Coaching Coordinator and/or the Player Agent and the parent (if present) prior to the start of the game. Please remember that the players do not drive themselves to practice, a child is dependent upon their parents to get them to practice and games on time. The "benching" of a player for disciplinary reasons is not allowed without prior approval of the Coaching Coordinator and/or Player Agent.
11. **Offensive Coaches:** When a team is batting, one manager /coach may assume a position in the marked coach's box at third base and one manager /coach may assume a position in the marked coach's box at first base. The purpose of the base coaches is to provide instruction to the base runners.
- **First base coach:** The first base coach will provide instruction to runners for first base and the batter.
  - **Third base coach:** The third base coach will provide instructions to a runner for second and third bases.
  - **Batting coach:** The batting coach is responsible for assuring that the batter is familiar with the proper techniques of batting. The batter must assume a normal batting stance with a proper grip of the bat. Under no circumstances should a player be permitted **to** assume a position other than a direct line stance within the batter's box where he or she steps directly towards the pitcher when hitting.
12. **Defensive Coaches:** During a team's position in the field, two coaches may assume a position in the outfield behind the deepest outfielder. The purpose of the coaches is to re-enforce the primary techniques and to provide direction to the players in fielding and throwing the ball. The coach in right center field will provide instructions to all players left of second base facing home plate and the coach in left center will provide instructions to all players right of second base facing home plate. The manager is considered as one of the two allowed coaches if he/she assumes a position in the outfield while his/her team is on defense.