

Sanford Youth League

T-BALL

Ages 4-6

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Following are some general team guidelines:

1. Children participating in t- ball need parental/guardian supervision during practices and games.
2. After-game snacks and beverages can be coordinated with the parents-suggestion is to have parents sign-up for a specific game once game schedules are available.
3. Sanford Youth League runs a fund-raiser; all teams are expected to participate. Suggestion is to ask for a parent to coordinate fund-raiser collection/distribution for the team.
4. Parent volunteers are always welcome to help with concession, etc.
5. Equipment turn in including keys is generally the second weekend in June- more details to follow.
6. Don't hesitate to ask your player parents for help during practices and during games-you'll find that most folks are willing and eager to help.
7. For new coaches- SYL provides shirts, hats and trophies. The t-ball players get to keep their shirts and hats when the season is over.

Following are some general team guidelines:

1. The league will provide shirts and hats. Children can wear ball pants, sweats, shorts, jeans- whatever is comfortable. Tennis Shoes or rubber cleats are acceptable. If possible, all children should have a baseball glove.
2. All games will consist of 3 innings with each team batting through each roster per inning and all the children playing on the field – all teams will bat through the roster regardless of how many outs are completed in an inning. Coaches must rotate each player through the batting order to allow the kids to experience the different batting positions throughout the season.
3. Coaches must rotate each player to a different position for each inning; each player should be given the opportunity to play all positions throughout the season.
4. Each player will play at least one inning of outfield per game.
5. Home teams have the responsibility of setting up benches and bases for both teams and returning all items to the storage shed after each game.
6. All players will bat from the tee the first 2 innings to keep the games moving. Coaches can pitch to the players for the 3rd inning-players should be allowed three good coach pitches. After three good pitches the tee should be used to keep the game moving.
7. If a defensive player creates an out either by a pop-fly catch or a throw out at any base, then the runner should be called out, close calls are always safe!

8. If a player hits a good hit out of the infield, coaches should let the player run the bases until the fielding team gets the ball thrown back into the infield – we are not looking to force plays at the bases but want to encourage fielders to play aggressively when balls are hit out of the infield. Please hold up runners on pass balls, and when a good hit returns to the infield.
9. Remember this is a recreational league, not a competitive league. We do not keep track of strikes, outs, or runs. The t-ball league is primarily to begin teaching the fundamentals and share the joy of the game with the kids, everyone is a winner in playing t-ball.