

**2019 New Albany Little League Softball
T-Ball League (4-6 Year Olds) Rules**

ALL PLAY IN THIS DIVISION WILL BE BY THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULEBOOK WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS

Division Basics

- Time limit is one hour or four (4) innings whichever comes first.
- An approved 10" softie ball will be used for all games.
- The base paths will be 50'. Base paths will be marked with a hash mark at the halfway point.
- An inning will end when the team at bat completes one rotation through their batting order. When a girl is put out on the field she will be removed from the bases but the out will not count toward ending the inning (No outs in this league).
- A T-Ball bat cannot be longer than 27". Any glove that is legal for softball is legal for T-Ball.
- Two ADULT base coaches are permitted in this division. Each team must have one ADULT in the dugout to assist players (i.e., keeping the girls in the dugout, keeping the batting order straight).
- A team will be allowed to have two (2) defensive coaches (who must remain in the grassy area of the outfield behind the players) and three (3) offensive coaches when batting on the field.

Batting

- All players will be placed in the batting order (bat the bench). Each team will bat the same number of girls each inning (i.e., if one team has seven girls and one has nine then the lesser team will bat the first two over again to equal the nine players the other team has).
- All first year T-ball players will have 5 attempts to hit the ball off of the "T" or be removed from the batting order for that inning. Previous T-Ball players will receive three (3) pitches thrown by their coach. If the batter hasn't hit the ball after three (3) thrown pitches from the coach the "T" will be placed at home plate and the batter will be given two tries to hit the ball or be removed from batting.
- The batting area will be marked with a 15' arc that extends from foul line to foul line. The ball when hit must go beyond this arc or it will be declared a foul ball.
- If a player throws the bat, that player will receive a warning. The next time that player throws the bat she will be removed from the bases and the other runners may not advance.

Fielding

- Maximum four (4) players on the baselines at any given time. Players may not obstruct the runners.
- Blocking the baseline is obstruction. The runner will be awarded any base that the coaches agree upon that they would have reached had there not been obstruction.
- This is an instructional league. We are here to train the girls the game of softball. Therefore, you must teach the girls to make plays on runners instead of having one fast girl run-down the batter/runners and get them out.
- Coaches in the field on defense must not assist a fielder making a play other than giving verbal instructions.

Base Running

- If in the coaches' judgment, the runner(s) are over halfway when the ball is declared dead, the runner will be allowed to advance to the next base.
- If an overthrow happens at any base, runners may advance one base only during a time at bat. This is not awarded and the runner may possibly be put out and removed from the bases. All play stops and a runner may not advance when any fielder within the dirt area of the field throws the ball toward the pitching circle.

Pitching

- The pitching circle will be 8 feet in diameter with the center of the circle 35 feet from home plate.
- The ball is dead and all play stops when the ball is thrown by any fielder within the dirt area of the field toward the pitching circle.

**IT IS EXPECTED THAT PLAY AND CONDUCT WILL BE SPORTSMANLIKE. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
NO FOOD OR CANDY IN THE DUGOUT!!!! GATORADE AND WATER ONLY ARE ALLOWED!!!!**

Players, managers, coaches and appointed adults ONLY allowed in the dugouts. Players, managers and coaches are not allowed to leave the dugout during the game unless an injury occurs or excused by the umpire.

NO VERBAL ABUSE OR HARASSMENT TO AN UMPIRE, COACH, MANAGER, OPPOSING PLAYER OR PARENT WILL BE TOLERATED. REFER TO THE LEAGUES' CODE OF CONDUCT!!!!