

2019 T-Ball League Local Playing Rules

1. **ZERO TOLERANCE:** Any individual (Manager, Coach, Player, or Spectator) who displays unsportsmanlike conduct towards players, umpires, or directors will be asked to leave the complex.
2. All Managers are responsible for only allowing those volunteers that have turned in background forms, to interact and help with practice and games for their teams.
3. Umpiring provided through "gentleman's agreement" arranged by the Managers/Coaches on the field, just prior to the start of the game.
4. No manager, coach or parent may warm up a child before or during a game or practice.
 - i. *If violation occurs at a game, then the manager will be ejected from the game.*
 - ii. *If violation occurred at a practice, then the manager will be suspended from the next scheduled game.*
 - iii. *The manager **will** follow ejection rules set in place by the Board of Directors.*
5. While Manager's Team is on DEFENSE, two (2) coaches are allowed on the field to assist players. Coaches should remain in the outfield grass.
6. While Manager's Team is on Offense, Team may have ONE (1) 3rd Base Coach and ONE (1) 1st Base Coach, and one assisting batter.
7. Time Limit: 55 Minutes
 - i. Games will be 55 minutes from the time game is scheduled to begin.
 - ii. Once time has expired, the game has ended. (i.e. drop dead)
8. No score will be kept.
9. Each Team will bat **ENTIRE** lineup per inning, rotating top to bottom, bottom to top every inning,
10. Players put out will return to the dugout. When 3 outs are made, bases will be cleared and lineup will continue to bat, this format will continue through every inning until entire line up bats. (Approval given on April 4, 2012 by Waco)
11. Every position must be rotated at least once per inning, meaning every player must have an opportunity to play a different position every inning. Players will not be allowed to play the same defensive position in a single game.
12. Everyone plays defense every inning, all players must be on field.
13. The baseline is defined as **THREE FEET (3')** on either side of a direct line drawn between bases.
 - a. Infielders can be no closer than the edge of the 1st to 3rd baseline while the batter is **AT BAT**.
14. Batter will receive a maximum of 6-swings per at bat, hitting of the tee constitutes as a swing.
15. Play will be normal infield, with pitcher standing on the rubber (pitchers plate) and excess of players to play in the outfield at least three (3) feet from the back edge of the infield Pitcher may not leave the rubber until ball has been hit.
16. **Dead Ball Area is in the pitcher's circle** and batter's box, such that the batted ball must travel at least (3ft) on the infield to be in play.
17. Base Runners may advance ONE extra base on an overthrown ball **into FOUL TERRITORY**.
18. Play must cease once the ball enters the pitcher's area (circle indicator on field), No player may advance once this occurs.
19. ADULT/Coaches may not field the ball for players
20. The Managers may have up to 3-Coaches, plus an additional person in the dugout.
 - a. **ONE ADULT** must be in the dugout with the players at all times
21. Announcer's duty will be to announce the team sponsors at the beginning and end of the game, along with every batter per inning.

***For additional rules, please refer to the
2019 Little League Baseball rule book***