

2020 EDNA LITTLE LEAGUE

T-Ball Ground Rules

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1. Games will be approximately 45 minutes in length to allow for at least two (2) complete innings. More if possible. However, if there is another game scheduled immediately following and two innings have not been completed, we will observe a drop-dead time of 55 min.
2. The home team shall occupy the first base dugout and the visiting team the third base dugout.
3. Both teams are responsible for setting up the field before each game (placing the bases, marking the field, raking the field after game, etc.) and returning all equipment to storage after the game.
4. Each team is responsible for making sure all trash in dugout and their side of the bleachers is picked up after the game.
5. Only authorized persons, managers, coaches, players, and umpires are allowed on the field or in the dugout area during a game. All managers, coaches, and players must be in a team shirt during the game.
6. Managers and coaches are to supervise their players at all times and not allow them to participate in any ungentlemanly or unladylike conduct while on ballpark property. (This includes before, during, or after games)
7. Players will have uniform shirt tucked in and wear cap while on the field. Batters/Runners **MUST** keep their helmets on at all times while on the field.
8. The team that is at bat, shall have players sitting down on the bench in the dugout unless they are a batter/runner. Players shall not possess a bat unless it is his/her turn to bat. One coach must be in the dugout supervising the players at all times. There is no on-deck batter.
9. Bats and other equipment must be kept in the dugout unless it is being used by a player.
10. Players must not wear rings, watches, pins, earrings or metal objects during a game. (Medical bracelets are allowed)
11. Helmets may NOT have aftermarket decals, designs, etc. Face masks and chin straps are not required, but if they are present, they must be in proper working order and fit properly.
12. All players will play on defense including a catcher with no players being substituted. Players will rotate and play different positions each inning or game as decided by the manager. The player who is playing the position of catcher must wear all safety gear supplied. Each player on the team should have an opportunity to play every position at least once throughout the season.
13. Managers and coaches may be on the field with the players to instruct and encourage, but may not assist a player in making a play. If there are players in the dugout, a coach or manager must be in the dugout at all times. If no players are in the dugout, a maximum of 1 manager and 2 coaches are allowed on the field at one time.
14. The position of catcher will be played by both coach and player. While a player is batting, a coach from the other team shall serve as catcher, enabling the game to move at a quicker pace. The player will stand in a designated area nearby. Once the ball has been hit and is in play, the coach will step out of the way and the player will cover home plate serving as the catcher.
15. The batting team will observe a continuous batting order with all players batting in the inning. An announcement should be made to the defensive team when the last batter is up for bat. On a hit from the last batter, play shall end when the catcher has possession of the ball while standing on home plate.
16. The pitcher shall be the only player allowed to start a play from in front of the baselines. Four others shall be allowed in their relative location to the proper infield positions. All others must be evenly spaced beyond the infield area in the outfield.
17. Runners are not allowed to lead-off or steal.
18. Bunting is not allowed.
19. Runners are to proceed no more than one base on a ball hit to the infield unless an overthrow occurs

20. Runners are to proceed no more than two bases on a ball hit to the outfield unless the ball gets past the outfielder or there is an overthrow. (Try to be realistic)
21. If a hit ball is caught or a play is made on the batter/runner putting them out, the batter/runner shall be called out and return to the dugout. Please refrain from arguing about outs and consider the runners to be safe on all close plays or ties. No umpires will be provided and all calls will be made by the managers/coaches involved.
22. At the conclusion of the game, each team (including managers and coaches) will assemble at first and third base accordingly, and walk towards the opposing team and congratulate each opposing player with a high five.
23. Standard Little League rules apply to play unless otherwise noted.
24. The T-ball division of the Edna Little League program was created to teach the basic fundamentals of hitting, throwing, catching, fielding, and base running as well as to instill a love for the game of baseball/softball into those who participate. Please be considerate in player positioning and allow each player the opportunity to learn the basics. At this age, we want to encourage TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, and most importantly, HAVING FUN!!! We want these players to return year after year. If they don't enjoy this season, they may not be back again!
25. No score will be kept in T-Ball.
26. The ball shall be placed on the tee for the entire season. No coach pitch is allowed in t-ball. If the batter fails to hit a fair ball after having five (5) swings, he/she shall be called out and shall return to the dugout.