

Red Land Youth Baseball

Tee Ball Division – Local Rules

OFFICIAL CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL REGULATIONS SHALL GOVERN PLAY WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

1. **Player Eligibility:**

- 1.01. For the 4-6 year old players that are still developing teamwork and other fundamental baseball skills.
- 1.02. All 5 year olds must play one spring season of tee ball.
- 1.03. All 6 year olds that did not play tee ball as a 5 year old must play one spring season of tee ball.

2. **Team Structure:**

- 2.01. Upon conclusion of player registrations, all players will be assigned to teams randomly
- 2.02. Teams will be assigned by the Division Coordinator.

3. **Pregame and Postgame:**

- 3.01. The home team is responsible for field preparation prior to each game. Home team should drag, line and walk field to observe any unsafe conditions and repair prior to start of game.
- 3.02. An arc should be lined 10 feet in front of home plate that extends between the 1st and 3rd base lines. A ball must cross this arc to be considered fair. Any batted ball stopping within the arc will be declared a foul ball.
- 3.03. The team manager/coach is responsible for assessing field safety (debris, holes, loose bases, etc) prior to each game. All field safety issues should immediately be brought to the attention of the league Field Maintenance Coordinator.
- 3.04. The visiting team is responsible for all trash pickup at the conclusion of each game.
- 3.05. Both home and visiting teams are responsible for basic field maintenance at the conclusion of each game including putting bases away, dragging and raking the infield.

4. **Equipment:**

- 4.01. Game balls – league issued RIF5 baseballs. The home team provides two game balls that are in good condition for each game.
- 4.02. Fielders Glove – All players must supply and use a glove of satisfactory condition while in the defensive playing field.
- 4.03. Bats – league issued or sanction approved only.
- 4.04. Helmets – NOCSAE Approved baseball – must be worn by batters and base runners. The league will issue helmets but players may use their own NOCSAE approved helmets.
- 4.05. Catching Equipment – league issued – must be worn by players behind the plate. Players shall wear a protective cup when playing catcher position.
- 4.06. Batting Tee – league issued
- 4.07. The team manager/coach is responsible for checking equipment condition, such as cracked helmets, broken bats, etc. Contact the league equipment coordinator for replacement of any faulty equipment.

5. **Team Uniforms:**

- 5.01. Players will be provided same colored uniform tops with matching baseball caps.
- 5.02. Shoes shall be worn by all players and coaches. Rubber cleats are acceptable, but not required. Metal cleats are prohibited.

6. **Regulation Game:**

- 1.01. A regulation game shall consist of a minimum of 4 innings or a 90 minute time limit unless agreed upon by both managers to shorten the game due to darkness, weather, etc.
- 6.01. Teams may play more than four innings as long as they conclude the game within the 90 minute time limit.
- 6.02. No score will be kept.

7. **Participation Rules:**

- 7.01. Managers should ensure all players are provided equal infield/outfield playing time throughout the season.
- 7.02. All players should sit the same amount of innings during the season.
- 7.03. Defensively, every player should be provided opportunity to play 2 innings in the infield each game (Pitcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or shortstop).
- 7.04. Players should rotate through different positions. Players should not play the same position for more than 2 innings in a game. This is an INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE!
- 7.05. Every player will bat each inning.
- 7.06. Coaches are responsible for tracking player rotations and batting order of each game.

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8. Division Umpiring:

- 8.01. Base calls are the responsibility of the coach with the best view of the call. Make the best call possible and move on with the game.

9. Game Rules:

- 9.01. No official score is kept.
- 9.02. All batters must use the tee each game.
- 9.03. Batted balls that do not go beyond the arc located 10' from home plate will be declared foul.
- 9.04. Every player on each team will bat every inning. The bases will be cleared after every three (3) outs and the offensive team will continue batting until each player has had a turn to bat.
- 9.05. When the last batter in the order hits the ball, play will continue until a third out is made, or all runners have scored, or the defense has prevented all runners from advancing.
- 9.06. "On-deck" batters may not pick up a bat until the previous batter is either out or on base
- 9.07. Players may take as many bases as possible on balls hit to the outfield, but runners must stop when the ball has reached the infield, even if the ball is not under control.
- 9.08. Baserunners must keep at least one foot on the base until the ball is hit in play.
- 9.09. Stealing of bases is not allowed.
- 9.10. No bat throwing. 1st violation – warning. 2nd violation – runner is called out.
- 9.11. Ten defensive players are allowed on the field. The tenth player will be inserted in the defensive lineup as a fourth outfielder.
- 9.12. Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field (behind the infield in left and right fields).
- 9.13. It is recommended that the defensive team has a coach to assist/backup the catcher
- 9.14. Three offensive coaches are allowed on the field. One coach will remain at home plate to help the hitter and move the Tee when a player puts the ball in play. This coach is also responsible for safety at home plate by removing bats or other objects from the home plate area and keeping children moving away from home plate after running the bases. Coaches are allowed in the first and third base coaching box
- 9.15. Offensive players are not permitted to wander while their team is at bat. Players are expected to sit on their bench.

10. End of Season Recognition Games:

- 10.01. "Batter Up Game" – 5 & 6 year old players may be invited to participate in a year end game conducted under a set of modified Rookie A rules. Please note that participation in this game has no effect on a player advancing to the Rookie A division or returning to play Tee Ball the following year. The players/teams will be evenly divided by the division coordinator and each team will play one game to showcase their skills to the Red Land Baseball community.

11. Miscellaneous:

- 11.01. Each team will be assigned to work the concession stand at the Newberry Complex throughout the season. This will be at a time that your team is not scheduled to play a game but will have a batting cage practice scheduled.
- 11.02. Teams playing at Goldsboro will be responsible to share responsibilities to operate the concessions stand.
- 11.03. Parents should be discouraged from providing food to players while they are seated on the bench during a game, unless there is a medical necessity.
- 11.04. "Pass-the-hat"- The home team may pass the hat once during each game to help raise money for their team for awards, team party needs, etc.
- 11.05. It is recommended that each team designate a "Team Parent" to coordinate these and other miscellaneous team activities.