

Mount Laurel Girls Softball T-Ball Rules and Policies

The T-Ball division of Mt. Laurel Girls Softball is an instructional program designed to provide first year players with the foundational skills of youth softball. This program is offered to all Kindergarten aged girls.. Pre-K girls who have reached the age of 5 are also eligible to participate. This program is purely instructional. The objective of T-Ball is to teach the fundamentals of the game within a structured, positive environment. The following playing rules and policies have been adopted to help facilitate these goals.

Field:

1. Bases shall be set at 45' distances.
2. Field shall be prepared by raking and/or dragging prior to each game. This shall be the responsibility of the home team.
3. Field shall be raked and/or dragged after each game. This shall be the responsibility of the visiting team.
4. Bases and tees shall be properly stowed in the field box after each game

Equipment:

1. Only safety balls provided by MLGS shall be used for all games and practices.
2. Players must wear helmets with complete face shield while at bat, on deck, or running bases.
3. All equipment must be handled with proper care and neatly stowed in the field box after each game.
4. First aid kits are provided in the field box. Please advise T-Ball coordinator if any items are used.
5. Report any broken or missing equipment to T-Ball coordinator.

Players and Coaches:

1. All defensive players on a team may be positioned on the field. Coaches shall place them in the conventional infield positions of 1B; 2B; SS and 3B. These fielders shall not be positioned in the runner's base paths. Two additional infielders may be positioned on either side of the normal pitching area. All remaining players shall receive skills training in the outfield area. No player shall occupy the catcher's position. At the discretion of the T-Ball coordinator, coaches may be used as first base fielders.

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2. Defensive players shall be rotated to a different position at the start of each inning as well as halfway through each inning. Players shall not play the same infield position twice in the same game, unless due to shortage of players. Players receiving outfield skills training during the first half of the inning shall rotate to the infield for the second half.
3. Offensive players not at bat, on base, or on deck, are to remain in the bench area, safely behind the fence.
4. Players shall not be permitted to swing bats outside of the batting area.
5. Team shall rotate their batting lineup every inning. Coaches shall rotate their batting orders each game so that all players bat in each spot in the batting order, including leadoff and last, during the year.
6. A coach shall be positioned in the batting area to instruct all batters using the tee. A minimum of one defensive coach shall supervise and help instruct the fielders. There are no limits to the number of coaches permitted on the field. However, all coaches shall be adults. No minor siblings shall be permitted on the field.
7. A defensive coach shall be placed in the outfield and keep players, not positioned in the infield, occupied with skills training during play.
8. A coach from the team at bat shall pitch to batters, when not using a tee. A second coach shall remain in the batting area to instruct batter, retrieve balls, and set up tee if necessary.
9. Each team shall have at least one coach in the bench area always, while any player is there.
10. Only players and coaches shall be in the bench area.
11. Parents not acting in a coaching capacity are not allowed in the bench area during the game, unless attending to injury or illness.

Starting, Playing, and Ending Games:

1. Games shall be played according to their scheduled dates and times. Games may only be postponed due to rain or inclement weather.
2. All postponed games must be reported to league coordinator.
3. All postponed games shall be rescheduled.
4. Teams shall equally divide pregame warm up time on infield.
5. Games shall be scheduled for 4 innings. Each team shall bat and field 4 times.
6. No scoring shall be kept, or outs recorded.
7. Each team shall bat all players once per inning.
8. Batters and runners may advance a maximum of one base on batted ball. The last batter of the inning, and all runners on base at that time, may advance without limitation. Other than the normal, initial play to a base, no other plays on this batter or runners should be attempted.
9. Runners must not leave base until batter strikes ball.

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10. Batters who are thrown or tagged out by fielder shall return to bench.
11. Prior to May 1, all batters must hit off tee. After May 1, coaches shall begin to pitch to all batters. A maximum of 6 pitches per at bat may be given. After 6 pitches, batter must use tee.
12. Lightning – If flash of lightning with a bang of thunder 30 seconds or less behind it is observed, the game shall be suspended immediately and may not restart until at least 30 minutes from the last observed flash of lightning or bang of thunder.
13. Games may be ended prior to end of 4 innings if game time exceeds 1.5 hrs, but this should not happen.