



Goals, Game Rules, and Refreshment Stand Responsibilities

- **Safety** - The coaching staff's top priority is players' safety. Players will experience as many positions as safely possible during the season.
- **Learning / Developmental Program** - The mission of Nor-Gwyn T-Ball / Pony Leagues is to teach baseball fundamentals and develop player skills while having FUN. To emphasize baseball fundamentals, *attendance at practice is important*. Please give team manager advanced notice if your son is unable to make a scheduled practice or game.
- **Fun** - After a game or practice, ask your child "Did you have fun?" instead of "How did you do?" At this age, recognition of "effort" is as important as recognition of success.
- **Good Sportsmanship** - Support of teammates will be stressed. Cheering will be encouraged. Criticism of opposing team players, coaches, or umpires will not be permitted. Teams line up to congratulate each other at the completion of each game.
- **Non-Competitive** - No team standings will be kept during any part of the season. The T-Ball / Pony season is intended for instruction/learning, allowing players an opportunity to try various positions, and have FUN. A one-day round-robin tournament will be scheduled to celebrate the end of the season. This tournament will NOT be used to determine a league champion. Participation Trophies are presented to all players.
- **Game Rules:**
 1. Continuous Batting Order - All players bat in a set order. The batting order may not be changed once the game has commenced. If a player arrives after the start of a game, he will be placed at the bottom of the team batting order and bat in that spot through the duration of the game.
 2. All players are to get equal playing time at as many positions as safely possible. No player can play one position more than three (3) innings in one game. It's recommended that no player play one position more than two (2) consecutive innings in a game.
 3. Games are 6 innings long. Each half inning lasts until 3 outs are recorded or five (5) runs are scored, whichever comes first.
 4. All catchers must wear a protective helmet & mask to participate in a game.
 5. A runner on base may not lead off the base. He may not leave the base until the batter hits the ball in play.
 6. During practice and games, the home team will occupy dugout along the first base line.
 7. For each game, a parent or assistant coach from the home team will serve as an Umpire. Umpires are present to insure player safety. The umpire must be an adult over the age of 18 years and must be aware of the League Playing Rules. Umpire rulings are final.
- **Refreshment Stand Responsibilities:** - Each home team must provide at least one (1) person to work the Refreshment Stand for the length of the ball game. When multiple games are scheduled concurrently, at least three (3) workers should be in the snack bar at all times. Since more than three (3) workers will usually be on hand, the coverage can be split into shifts so each parent can see some of their child's game. All scheduled parents should assist with post-game team hot dogs & drinks and clean up. Snack Bar responsibility moves with rescheduled games. Team Parent will coordinate: (1) parent shifts, (2) rescheduled game responsibilities, and (3) payment for hot dogs/drinks.