

# *Farragut Baseball Inc.*

Fall 2020

## T-Ball 4U League Rules – Fields 7 & 8

1. There are no outs. Players may make attempts at making outs while on the field defensively but all runners will be safe during base running.
2. No score is kept for any game.
3. Each player gets as many swings as necessary to hit the ball off the tee. Coaches use discretion in regards to a player getting an additional swing if needed depending on the distance of the ball off the tee (i.e. player hits the tee and not the ball so that the ball falls off the tee, this would be ruled a foul ball).
4. Two innings are played per game. Each player will bat twice, once per inning. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, go in reverse order of your lineup so that the child who batted last in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning gets to bat first in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.
5. Rotate players in the field between innings so each child does not play the same position or in the same area during that particular game.
6. Make a game line-up prior to each game that includes the players first and last name and jersey number. Keep this rotation during hitting for players so that each child hits only once per inning. Coaches will exchange batting lineups before each game. If a player shows up late, they will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
7. With each hit the player will advance only one base with the exception of the last batter per inning in which all runners including the last batter will advance to home plate.
8. (this is covered in # 9 (a) below. At the end of each game, line your players up in front of the dugout facing the opposing dugout and instruct the players to tip their hat and say “Good game” to the other team. No handshakes, high fives, or fist bumps will be used for this season due to COVID-19 concerns.
9. For the last game on each field, coaches need to complete the following:
  - a. Collect all dugout trash
  - b. Rake and drag the field
  - c. Return batting tees and other equipment to the shed
  - d. Lock the shed and bathrooms before leaving
  - e. Lock field gates for the last one leaving the park
10. **Important Note: No big-barrel bats are allowed in T-Ball!** This constitutes any bat barrel that is larger than 2 ¼”.
11. The number of coaches, head or assistant, including parents assisting on the field during batting or fielding needs to be limited to a **maximum of four (4) or less at any given time**. This does not include the dugout help which should be limited to a **maximum of two (2) or less at any given time**. Please understand that more parents on the field actually makes it more confusing.

### Safety Rules:

1. **No real baseballs are to be used in practice or in a game.** The baseballs used are the T-Ball style soft-compression core.
2. Face masks on batting helmets are optional and are up to parents to decide.
3. Any player playing the pitcher position has the option to wear (a) the facial mask provided by the league (b) a batting helmet with face mask. The league provides facial masks for use during each game: the two (2) playing the pitcher position and optional for the 1<sup>st</sup> base position.
4. Instruct and work with all batters to not sling the bat when hitting. This could injure another player or the coach who is catching.

**Cancellations or rescheduled games:**

1. All games will be played as originally scheduled except for inclement weather with every attempt made to play as scheduled.
2. Cancellations/rescheduling will be decided by the League President and/or the FBI Board.
3. Any decisions to cancel a game once it starts will be made on the field by the two head coaches and agreed upon with consultation from the Ozzie Smith League Commissioner or FBI Board member as needed.

**Sportsmanship:**

**Coaches:** Be sure to encourage players and parents to cheer for all players as this is very important for building the morale for these young kids. You would be surprised at how much each it means to these kids when they are all cheering for each other and hear their teammates supporting them.

**\*Note to all coaches and parents\***

**Coaches and parents will conduct themselves so as to create a positive role model for all players, on and off the field. Questions from parents related to any rules should be directed to the head coach of their team. Abusive behavior and language will not be tolerated. The league president and/or Farragut Baseball Inc. Board Members may, at their discretion, remove a coach or parent if these rules are not followed and unacceptable behavior is shown. This includes dismissal from the Farragut Baseball fields and park premises.**