

Vallivue Youth Baseball
T-Ball League Rules
Modified May 2019

1. The main goal of Vallivue T-Ball is for kids to have fun while learning the basics of baseball and sportsmanship. Each member of the team plays a position and bats every inning. No scores or league standings are kept. Coaches and parents should reflect positive and constructive direction. Patience is the most important virtue necessary when working with children of this age group.
2. Equipment will be checked out to each coach at the beginning of the season and must be turned in after the last game of the season to the League Rep. The equipment is not to be loaned out to individual players.
3. Sportsmanlike conduct must be observed at all times by coaches, players, and parents.
4. All games start promptly at 6:00 PM. Please do not start a new inning after 7:00 PM.
5. The playing field should have base paths 50 feet in length. The home team is responsible for setting out the bases and providing the batting tee.
6. In the event of lightning, the game should be immediately cancelled. A game in progress may be called off in the event of thunder or heavy rain. Rain outs may be made up if both coaches agree, but make-up games are not required.
7. No games will be forfeited. Every effort should be made to field a full team on the scheduled date. Our T-Ball teams share the fields with other activities and must use them at the designated times and dates.
8. All players should wear the team t-shirt and hat provided by the league.
9. All batters, base runners, and "on deck" batters must wear their protective helmet.
10. The player in the pitcher's area should be about 40 feet from the batter or home plate and must wear a batting helmet for protection.
11. Bunting is not allowed. Batters should try to hit the ball as hard as they can.
12. Teach your players to lay their bats down gently before running to first. Players should be given one warning for throwing their bat; if they throw their bat a second time, they should be called "out," and given an explanation/instruction.
13. The league does not provide umpires for T-Ball games.
14. Coaches may be in the field with the defensive players and offer advice, but may not interfere with the play. One coach or parent **MUST** be positioned behind home plate to move the tee from the plate once the ball is in play, especially with a runner on third. The coach may request time out to demonstrate a technique or explain a situation to the players during the progress of the game.

15. No sliding into first base. Sliding is permitted at any other base or home plate. Please take the time to teach your players proper technique to avoid injuries and collisions.
16. No lead-offs or steals. Runners may not leave the base before the ball is hit.
17. Offensive players not at bat or on deck, should sit in their batting order in the dugout.
18. Intentionally running into another player constitutes an automatic out.
19. All team members should play on defense.
20. Players who do not conform to the rules after being given ample warning may be disciplined by the coach. Discipline shall consist of removal from the game for an appropriate period of time.
21. Each time a player hits the ball (into fair territory) the batter (and all base runners) may advance bases until an attempted play is made by a defensive player towards the infield area. Runners will be awarded the base they are headed to, but no more, even on an over-throw. If an outfielder holds on to the ball, players may keep advancing.
22. If a runner is out on a force play at any base, or a runner is tagged out, it will be recorded as an OUT and the player must return to their dugout.
23. When the last batter in the line-up comes up to bat, the coach will announce "last batter" to the coach of the opposing team. When the last batter hits the ball, all runners on base will continue running until they are thrown or tagged out, or until reaching home plate. If the defense gets the ball to the catcher at home plate before the last batter makes it home, play stops and everyone should clear the field for the half inning.
24. Players, coaches, and parents are asked to pick up garbage from around the playing area after each game.