

2021 T-Ball Rules

RULES FOR EVERY LEVEL

E1. For start of game – please see schedule – T-Ball through senior games consist of six (6) innings, Major games are seven (7) innings long

E2. RAINOUTS – A decision to cancel games due to weather will be made at 4:30 p.m. It will be posted on our website: eabaseball.com

E3. LIGHTNING – When lightning is seen or thunder is heard, the playing field is to be cleared immediately. Players should wait in vehicles for 15 minutes to determine if the storm is going to pass. Play cannot continue until 15 minutes have passed without any sign of lightning or sound of thunder. Coaches will help to enforce this rule.

E4. If after fifteen (15) minutes one or both team(s) are unable to field nine (9) players, the team(s) will borrow players from each other to play the game. There are **NO FORFEITS**.

E5. PLEASE REMEMBER – This is a game for kids. The coaches and spectators should act accordingly. Coaches should cooperate with each other in resolving questions regarding rules. There should be no dispute over umpire calls.

E6. Coaches are not allowed to smoke or chew tobacco or drink alcoholic beverages on the field or near the benches.

E7. Home team uses bench on third base side, visitors use bench on first base side. No food allowed on benches.

E8. Home team supplies two (2) new balls.

E9. At Community Pool Park Associates Fields: When a train goes by, “time out” will be called until the train goes by.

E10. Throwing the bat/helmet: Batter will be warned first time he/she throws the bat/helmet (whether intentionally or accidentally). Second time in the same game (accidentally) batter/base runner will be called out. Second time in the same game (intentionally) batter/base runner will be out for the remainder of the game.

SPECIAL RULES FOR T-BALL (ages 5-6)

Use official Little League Baseball rules with these exceptions:

T1. One-half inning will be three (3) outs or full lineup, whichever comes first.

T2. List all players in the batting order and have them all bat before the first player bats for the second time.

T3. Play all players in the field in the field at a time.

a. The ball will be placed on a tee.

b. Batter – Will be allowed three swings to hit the ball. If he/she does not connect with the ball after three swings, they will be considered out. A foul on the third swing will not be an out.

c. Catcher – Have him/her in position to take any throws at home – in complete catcher’s gear,

d. All extra players must remain in the out field and are *NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY AS ROVERS*.

T4. No one player will sit out more than one (1) consecutive inning. Coaches are encouraged to rotate their players (infield and outfield). Players are not allowed to play more than two (2) innings at one (1) position.

T5. Batted ball must travel ten (10) feet to be fair. If there is no line marked, you will have to judge this.

T6. Umpires:

1st base coach: responsible for calls at 1st base and fair/foul balls on the 1st base side.

3rd base coach: responsible for calls at 2nd and 3rd base and fair/foul balls on 3rd base side.

Tee-Man: responsible for calls at home plate and the 10 ft. rule.

T7. Overthrows: When there is an overthrow into foul territory , the batter will be awarded 1st base and the base runners will be awarded the base runners will be awarded the base they were going at the time of the throw. (ex. Runners on 1st and 2nd , ball is hit to the shortstop and the throw is to 1st is overthrown, the runners are awarded 2nd and 3rd the batter receives 1st.)

T8. STOPPING PLAY: When the ball is controlled at any infield position, play should be stopped and the runners awarded the base they had reached when the ball was controlled. If home plate is the base the runner is going to and the catcher has the ball, runner may be forced or tagged as the situation dictates.

T9. 1.15 BPF or Little League approved bats. If bat is illegal, it is taken out of game and player is out.