

SYA In-House Baseball
Rookie Division
(Tee-Ball)

Eligibility:

First year players ages 4 or 5 as of March 31, 2026.

Purpose:

To introduce players to the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing, and baserunning in a fun and safe environment.

Basic Structure:

Players are placed on a team by the Director.

Teams will play other Rookie teams within SYA In-House Baseball.

Teams will typically play one game per week from end-of-April through early-June. Games will be played on Saturdays.

Coaches may also hold a practice each week.

Games are 2 innings, "quartered". Instead of half innings, we will be trying quarter innings to keep the game from getting stagnant.

No innings should be started after 60 minutes, but the game should progress until the last inning is complete.

Score is not kept.

Batters hit off the tee for the entire season.

Outs are recorded, however each half inning ends when all players hit. Players can stay on base or return to the bench if out, per coaches instructions.

Equipment:

SYA In-House Baseball will provide each player with a hat and shirt.

SYA In-House Baseball will provide each team with balls, developmental equipment (cones, nets, tees, etc.) and a first aid kit and ice packs.

Each player needs to have their own glove, bat, and helmet. SYA In-House Baseball will have spare helmets and bats should a player require them.

Each player should wear sneakers or cleats (no metal).

Soft Core Level 1 "Tee Ball" baseballs will be used.

Location:

Practices can be held at Laubach Park, Dodson Park, Hamilton Park Play Lot, or SES.

All games are played at Laubach Park on Lehigh Ave located on the East Side of Salisbury Township.

Additional Information

1. The goal is to ensure all players have fun and learn the game!
2. Home teams sit third base side.
3. Score is NOT kept. This is purely an instructional league.
4. There are no umpires. The closest coach to the play makes the call. Calls are never disputed.
5. Each 1/4 inning ends when half of the players on the team has had one(1) at bat. When the last batter is at the plate, "last batter" is announced and that player, along with the current base runners, round the bases until they touch home plate.
6. Runners should never take more than one base on a hit, unless it's the last batter of the half inning.
7. Do not advance runners on overthrows.
8. Runners that are out will not remain on base. **Exceptions are allowed** as these are 4 and 5 year olds.
9. The fielding team places one(1) player at each infield position with any remaining players in the outfield or gaps. The pitcher, 1st and 2nd basemen, and shortstop get the most balls hit to them so rotate those positions well.
10. The only player on the field with a bat in their hands is the player up to bat. On-deck batters, **MUST** have an adult supervising them.
11. Players must wear a protective batting helmet at all times while at bat and while on base as a base-runner. Exceptions can be made based on Director and Coach decisions.
12. Batters hit off the tee for the entire season. There are no strikeouts. The players keep trying until they get a hit.
13. Bats should say T-ball on them. Players shouldn't use a higher level bat.
14. Sportsmanship and Teamwork are vital. Ensure players line up and shake hands after the game. "Good Game." "GG" "Great Game" etc are all good. Keep it positive and address kids being negative or disrespectful.
15. Ensure positive reinforcement is used for batters and fielders at all times.
16. If it is raining or (recently rained) and the field is unplayable, the Home coach (in alignment with Away coach) will make the final decision whether or not to play. **IF THERE IS LIGHTNING, THERE WILL BE NO GAMES AND GAMES UNDERWAY MUST BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY.**

Contact Information:

Tee Ball Coordinator(s)

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