

Southeast Volusia Youth Sports
Spring 2017 Baseball
T-ball Coach's Packet

CONDUCT

Coaches are expected to uphold and enforce the goals of SEV Youth Sports as listed in the following Code of Ethics.

COACH/PARENT CODE OF ETHICS

The goals of Southeast Volusia Youth Sports Leagues are (1) to have fun in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning the fundamentals of the game, (2) to learn how to be a team player and (3) to learn to demonstrate good sportsmanship, no matter the outcome of the game.

I will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner that encourages good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials while at any Southeast Volusia Youth Sports event.

I will not place my desire to win above the physical and emotional well-being of my child and his/her teammates.

I will remember that the game is for the players and not the adults. I will support the coaches and officials by showing respect and avoid ridicule and sarcasm toward them.

I will look for the positive in my own child and his/her teammates and opponents by praising them for participating in the sport, regardless of their athletic ability. I will refrain from dwelling on the negative. I will ensure that my child does the same.

I will make sure that my child gets to his/her practices and games. If for some reason my child will not be there, I will make sure the coach knows this as far ahead of time as possible.

I will trust my child's coach to handle the game and ask any necessary questions of the umpire.

I understand it is a privilege to witness and participate in my child's recreational activity and agree to abide by this Parents Code of Ethics. I also understand that a violation of this Code of Ethics will result in ejection and possible suspension from any Southeast Volusia Youth Sports event.

I will not use any alcohol and/or tobacco products while at any Southeast Volusia Youth Sports event.

EQUIPMENT

An equipment bag will be checked out to each head coach and will be kept by the coach for the duration of the season. The coach will be required to return the bag before trophies will be handed out.

Equipment such as nets, tees and pitching machines are in the closets under the score booth. This equipment must stay at the Sports Complex. Please return equipment to the closet when done.

If your team has the last game or practice on the field for the day, please cover the mound before leaving for the night.

All warm-ups are to be done in the outfield. All players must stay off the chalked areas prior to game time.

DO NOT bat into the fences. Use a net or the batting cages.

BATTING CAGES

Batting cages are available for use to all teams. Players must wear tennis shoes in the cages. **NO CLEATS** Please be mindful of time spent in cages when there are others waiting.

BALL POLICY

Each head coach will be given two boxes of 12 balls with their equipment bag. One box is for practice balls, and the other is to be used for games. Each coach will supply one new ball and one used ball for games. One of these may be given for game ball.

DUGOUT

Only coaches/volunteers that have filled out a form online and completed a background check with SEV Youth Sports are permitted in the dugout. Badges will be issued and should be worn at all times while in the dugout and on the fields.

2017 SEV Babe Ruth Rules

T-Ball (4-6)

The Official Rules are located in the Babe Ruth Rule Book with the exception of these local rules.

1. Game Duration – 1 hour or 2 innings, whichever is longer. The Game Clock begins at game time. The home team is responsible to keep time. Games end when time is up, unless fewer than 2 complete innings have been played.
 2. A half inning constitutes batting the entire lineup. No inning will change after 3 outs, unless 3rd out is last batter in the lineup.
 3. Coaches will have the option to throw **ONLY** 3 pitches to each batter. This must be done from a knee & overhand. If the batter doesn't hit a pitch, he/she then must hit off of the tee. There will be no strikeouts or walks.
 4. Once the ball is put into play the batter can advance as many bases as safely possible before ball is dead.
 5. **Runners will be called out & removed from the base.** Coaches are responsible for safe/out calls.
 6. The ball will be considered dead under these circumstances:
 - A: Runner is out & ball is in infield
 - B: Ball is overthrown (1 base per runner)
 - C: Batter has reached 1st base & ball is in infield without a play to be made.
 - D: Ball hit into outfield is thrown back into infield (doesn't have to be in possession).
 7. Players cannot play pitcher & 1st base more than 1 inning each
 8. If the pitcher fields the ball with any body part within the pitching circle he/she must throw the ball to record an out. They may not run and tag the runner with the exception of plays at home.
 9. Teams may play the entire team on defense, but are only allowed a P, 1B, 2B, SS & 3B in the infield. All other players must play in outfield grass.
 10. Scores will not be officially kept. Remember this is an instructional league meant to prepare them for future baseball or softball.
- The SEV Babe Ruth Board of Directors, reserves the right to change rules (via a majority vote) at any time. Please check www.sevbaberuth.com for rule changes. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to rules or would like a rule reviewed for change, please contact one of our 2013 SEV Babe Ruth Board of Directors.

Please contact the Board with any questions or concerns.

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