

SFYBL Modified PONY BASEBALL

SHETLAND TEE-BALL RULES HIGHLIGHTS

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Shetland Tee-Ball focuses totally on instruction of our beginner players. For players 4,5,6 year olds; May 1st, 2011 – April 30th, 2014 **SFYBL** or September 1st, 2011 – August 31st, 2014

FIELD SET UP

- A. The Home team is responsible for field set up, if the field has not already been prepped. This includes installing the bases.

OFFENSIVELY

- A. Batting order is continuous and consists of all players in attendance.
- B. All hitters are required to wear a helmet. Every player up to bat, on deck, on base and any player being “pitcher”
- C. Each player will have a minimum of 2 turns at bat, but the game should not exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- D. **Players must hit from a batting “T”**. Only exception: are “Coach-Pitch” hitters maybe identified and hit last in their team’s batting order.
- E. Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 swings. If a ball is not put into play after 5 swings the batter should advance to first base. “Coach-Pitch” hitters, may receive up to 5 pitches. If a ball is not put into play after 5 swings the batter should advance to first base. Once a “Coach-Pitch” batter has need to use the T, they must use the T the remainder of the game.
- F. Once a team has batted through its line up once, the team batting will switch with the team in the field.
- G. Teams should bat the same number of batters. If a team has 11 batter and another has 16, the team with 11 may have 5 more batters go on their turn at bat.

BASE RUNNING

- A. No leading off base or stealing. One foot must be on the bag until the ball is hit off the tee.
- B. Runners may advance only on a batted ball.

DEFENSIVELY

- A. Maximum of 12 defensive players may take the field at any one time. Set players at the normal infield positions, adding a 2nd pitcher (Left Pitcher/Right Pitcher). The remaining players should be in the

outfield, at least 12 feet out from the infield players. A catcher at this division is optional.

- B. After a ball is hit, the defensive player(s) must get the ball to the first baseman or one of the pitchers.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

- A. Follow SFYBL's rules first, then PONY League Rules and finally MLB Rules apply.
- B. Games are played with league provided game balls. Each team should provide new two balls at each game.
- C. Coach is to place the ball on "T". Adult behind batter must wear protective mask and chestplate.
- D. A catcher can be used provided the catcher stands away from the plate while the ball is being hit off the "T".
- E. Games will be a maximum of 1 hour and 30 minutes or maximum of 6 innings, whichever comes first.
- F. No posted standing or scores are kept. There is no official scorebook. Everyone wins.
- G. All games must start within 5 minutes of scheduled start time.
- H. Coaches are required to wear their coaches card/lanyard during every game and practice, plus proper athletic wear (this includes shoes).
- I. Coaches are allowed: in the dugout (this gives you an opportunity keep players engaged, keeping your lineup moving, teaching them how to keep score, etc.
- J. Defensive coaches are allowed at first and third baseline/box. Additionally, two adult coaches may be stationed on the playing field, beyond the baselines, to provide verbal instructions to the defensive team.
- K. Any player or Coach intentionally throwing equipment in anger, or using foul language will be subject to ejection from the game and potentially from SFYBL.
- L. All coaches must be approved subject to a background check and required to attend of yearly SFYBL coaches training.
- M. NO Parents/fans are allowed on the field of play at any time.
- N. Everyone must adhere to SFYBL's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. These are found on the league's website.
- O. Forfeits/no shows of a team to any game, incur a \$100 fee, to be paid prior to your next scheduled game.
- P. At game time, rain delays or mid-game cancellations are made by both teams' Coaches discretion/agreement and will NOT be made up during the season. You must notify your

division commissioner via email delsa@sfybl.com if this occurs.

PROTECTIVE GEAR:

- A. Helmets are required
- B. Athletic supportive cups are required for all infielders
- C. The following equipment is recommended:
 - a. wear protective product to protect heart
 - b. facemask to protect face (these can be attached to helmets)
 - c. mouthguards
 - d. sports goggles (to protect eyes from dirt/grass and artificial turf debris)