



Local Playing Rules

2018 LFL

Tee Ball

Tee Ball Division Season Play

The Tee Ball Division is intended to be an introduction of the game of baseball. Players develop the skills of batting, fielding and base running in this non-competitive, developmental division while learning the rules that closely resemble those of baseball. Players are taught to bat at a ball that is safely placed on a tee by a coach/parent. Emphasis is always placed on learning the fundamentals of baseball, having fun, player safety and sportsmanship!

1. Coaches/parents shall position themselves in the coach's boxes at 1st and 3rd base to assist the players as they run the bases, and determine safe/out.
2. One parent/coach will be responsible for placing the ball on the tee for batters. Coaches may not physically assist a player in any manner except at home plate for batting position.
3. One dugout parent must be present at all times for offense. If no parent is present, a coach must be in dugout at all times when players are present in dugout. Dugout parent must have volunteer form on file. No one under 18 that is not on the roster shall be in the dugout.
4. A hit must travel beyond the ten (10) foot arc in front of home plate to be considered a fair ball.
5. The catcher shall remain against the backstop in a safe location until the batter has hit the ball.
6. No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 15 minutes, drop dead at 1 hour and 30 minutes.
7. Outs will be recorded and player will return to dug out if tagged or forced out. If three outs are recorded, other bases are not cleared. Batting lineup will resume until all players have batted in the inning.
8. Cones will be positioned 120 feet from home plate. Any ball clearing the cones on the fly will be a homerun. Any ball that rolls or bounces past the cones is a ground rule double.
9. Base running shall follow the "one base at a time" philosophy. Only exception is ground rule doubles, home runs and "last batter". On the "last batter", all base runners and the batter may run all the bases until they are put out or score. On the "last batter", defense must make a play at one of the three bases before throwing home. On "last batter" any runner tagged or forced out shall return to the dugout, and shall not continue running the bases.
10. There shall be six (6) infield positions, with all remaining players positioned in the outfield. Outfielders must be at least thirty (30) feet behind the infielders. All players shall be positioned on defense every inning, eg no one sits out. Six (6) players in the infield (including the catcher), and the rest shall be positioned evenly spaced throughout the outfield. There shall be no "rover". **(Local Rules)**



11. Players shall rotate from infield and outfield each inning for teams with twelve (12) players. For teams with less than twelve (12) players, no player shall play the infield more than two consecutive innings before going to the outfield and shall not return to the infield until all players have played at least two innings in the infield. At the conclusion of the game, the number of innings played in the infield and outfield shall be the same (as possible) for all players. For teams with more than twelve (12) players, no player shall play the outfield for more than two consecutive innings to ensure equal time playing in the infield is obtained by the end of the game (as possible), and most certainly by the end of the season. For this rule, as it pertains to teams with more than twelve (12) players, the catcher position shall NOT be considered an infield position. For teams with twelve (12) or less players, the catcher shall be considered an infield position for no more than one (1) inning per player.
12. Rained out games will not be rescheduled. However, shall fields be available, the manager's may choose to coordinate amongst themselves to reschedule rained out games.
13. Home team is responsible for field preparation prior to each game. Preparation includes dragging, watering, painting, bases and cones. Visitors are responsible for take down, clean up and field lock up after the last scheduled game of the day. Take down consists of putting away bases and cones, dragging, watering and locking storage bin and bathrooms (where applicable).
14. Each team is responsible for dugout cleanup after each game.
15. All players shall receive a participation trophy. **(LOCAL RULES)**

ATTACHED ARE NEW RULES THAT WERE VOTED ON BY CONGRESS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – THESE ARE WITHIN THE GREENBOOK HOWEVER SOME NEW APPROVALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

ITEM 1 - Affects: Regulation II – LEAGUE BOUNDARIES – New Regulation – II(h) – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **No Action – Yes 41.80% and No 57.99%**

ITEM 2 - Affects: Regulation III(c) – THE TEAMS and Operating Policies Local League Draft Methods – Major Divisions of Baseball and Softball – Local League must establish the age structure for the Little League (Major) Division. At no time shall a team have on its roster more than with players whose league age is 12. Balance of the team roster shall be comprised of players whose league age is 9, 10, or 11. For **Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League**, it is recommended that the local little league set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age. (**Example:** If the league has all 15 and 16-year old's in its Senior League Division, it may have a local rule that states that each team must carry between four and eight players of league age (16) – **Approved Yes 70.16% and no 29.63% - which means you can have as many 12 year old's on majors, not just 8**

ITEM 3 - Affects: Regulation VI(d) - PITCHERS – All Divisions of Baseball and Challenger – **Pitching in 3 Consecutive Days – Approved Yes – 68.99% and no 30.60%**

ITEM 4 - Affects: Regulation VI NOTE 3 - PITCHERS and Rule 4.10(d) – All Divisions of Baseball, Softball, and Challenger – In Suspended games resumed on another day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extend of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest. EXCEPTION; In the event that the first inning is not completed, all records including pitching records, batting records, etc. shall be disregarded – Pitching & records for incomplete First Inning – Approved - Yes 80.94% and No 18.85%

ITEM 5 - Affects: Regulation VII(a) – SCHEDULES and Tournament League Eligibility (2) – Senior Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Number of Regular Season Games – Senior Division – Approved - Yes 87.16% - No 11.60%**

ITEM 6 - Affects: Rule 3.03 – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Regular Season Substitution – Approved – Yes 77.87% and No 20.90%**

ITEM 7 - Affects: Rule 4.10(e) and Tournament Rule 12 - Regulation Game – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **15-Run Rule After 3 Innings – Approved Yes 79.71% and No 19.88%**

ITEM 8 - Affects: Rule 8.06(a) and (b) – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Visits per Pitcher – Approved Yes 85.86% and No 13.93%**

ITEM 9 - Affects: Player Eligibility – Little League (10-12) and Intermediate (50-70) Divisions of Baseball – **Tournament Player Eligibility – 10-12 Baseball – Approved – Yes 75.10% and No 23.46%**

ITEM 10 - Affects: Player Eligibility – Little League (10-12) and Junior Divisions of Softball - **Tournament Player Eligibility – 10-12 Softball – Approved Yes 76.39% and No 21.11%**

ITEM 11 - Affects: Tournament Protests – The Use of an Ineligible Player – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Tournament Protests – Ineligible Player – Approved – Yes 86.68% and No 13.32%**

ITEM 12 - Affects: Tournament Rule 9 – Mandatory Play - 8-10, 9-11, 10-12, Intermediate (50-70), and Junior Baseball and Softball Divisions – **Mandatory Play Violation & Removal of Team Manager – Approved Yes 50.61% and No 48.77%**

ITEM 13 - Affects: Tournament Rule 14 – New Rule – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball – **Tie Breaker Scenario – No Action Yes 54.51% and No 45.29%**