

Rules and Responsibilities for Instructional Tee-Ball League Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten (Boys and Girls)

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CONCEPT

The concept of the combined practice/game format is to allow for smaller sided games where players are able to have more opportunities to hit and field in a game format. Teams will have a 30 minute practice and 40 minute game for each scheduled “game.” Once the season starts, the format for each “game” is as follows:

- Each team practices for 30 on their assigned field. At QAS, the first team listed on the schedule practices on field T1, the second team listed practices on field T2. At St. Simon, first team listed on the schedule practices on field 3, the second team listed practices on field 4. At St. Francis, the teams should split the field appropriately to conduct practices and games.
- After 30 minutes of practice, the manager will split the team into 2 even groups of players. One group of players remains on the assigned field with at least one coach and will play a game against their opponent. The second group of players will be lead by an assistant coach to the other t-ball field where this group will be the visiting team. “Visiting” teams should take players gloves, bats and helmets. Home team will supply the balls, hitting tee and bases to be used during the game.
- The split-squad games shall commence and last approximately 35-40 minutes. The offensive team will bat their line-up twice per half inning. Games should be complete in sufficient time such that the following game can be played.
- Upon conclusion of the split-squad games, teams will shake hands and return to their home field. The rules and progression of play shall follow the rules listed below. These rules are substantially similar to previous years’ t-ball rules.

LEAGUE RULES

1. Tee-ball is an **INSTRUCTIONAL** program.
2. The first team named on the schedule is the home team and is responsible for providing balls, hitting tee and laying the bases for the game. The base distance will be 45 feet.
3. Some type of “Saf-T-Ball” must be used.
4. The time limit that will be observed for these age groups is 35-40 minutes from the starting time of the game. Play is expected to end at or prior to the time limit in order to allow teams to reform, clear the benches, and for the next scheduled game to start on time. Please clear the bench area before your post game team meeting or announcement so that the next teams can prepare to start their game on time.

5. All games will be played with a coach pitching or the player hitting off of the tee. There will be a maximum of 4 “hittable” pitches per batter allowed. After those 4 pitches a tee will be used, even if the batter does not swing at any of these 4 hittable pitches. At this point, the batter will take as many swings as needed to hit the ball off of the tee.
6. Please use your discretion when instruction players about an intentionally thrown bat. Make the batter aware of his or her actions and instruct them on how to correctly use the bat to avoid injury to others.
7. An offensive half inning consists of the offensive team batting their lineup twice, regardless of the number of “outs” made in the inning. Outs are not counted. The runner should remain on base after his or her hit.
9. There are no strike outs.
10. There will be no bunting or stealing allowed.
11. Lead-offs from any base are not allowed. Runners may only advance when a batted ball is hit in to fair territory.
12. Runners may not advance on an overthrow to first, third or home plate with or without a play. The intent of this league is to let the children play baseball, not to run the bases and score runs.
13. When the ball is returned to the infield, play should stop. Runners between bases may advance to the next base if they are better than half way to that base.
14. There shall be no official score kept.
15. Coaches are not allowed to physically direct any offensive or defensive player while the ball is in play.
16. Generally, up to 2 defensive coaches should be sufficient on the field of play.
17. All players will play the field. Only 5 infield positions may be used (1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, shortstop and pitcher). Excess players will assume the outfield positions. Players in the outfield should be positioned behind the base paths.
18. A player can occupy the pitcher position for defensive purposes only.
19. Players shall not play the catcher position. The offensive team should provide a coach for this purpose.
20. There will be no plays at home plate.
21. NO alcohol whatsoever is allowed on the field or in the bench area. This rule includes coaches and any parent helpers.

MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Be and example of Christian sportsmanship.
2. Have the batting order made out prior to the game. All players bat, regardless of whether they are playing in the field.
3. Make positional lineup changes while your team is batting.
4. While batting, you may provide 1st and 3rd base coaches as well as a coach catcher. Coaches pitch to their own players.
5. Have an on-deck hitter ready at all times. On-deck hitters shall not be located within the field of play.
6. Managers are responsible for their own conduct and that of players, coaches and fans before, during and after the game. Please remember that this league is for the children, so let's have some fun.

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