

LAMAR LITTLE LEAGUE

T-BALL DIVISION GROUND RULES

FALL 2007

T-ball will play under the following guidelines:

1. Teams will use continuous batting order. Each half inning, all offensive players will bat. After this has occurred, the teams will switch and the defensive team will take their time at bat. The batting order will begin with the #1 batter and end with the last batter. At the next at bat, the batting order reverses giving the last batter the first at bat in that inning.
2. In the event three (3) outs occur prior to the team getting to bat the full lineup, the bases will be emptied, and the same team continues to bat. The players will get the idea that outs have occurred, and they do mean something.
3. All players on each team should bat at least twice and possibly more if time allows. The official game time is **one hour**. Some latitude should be allowed, if necessary, to give every player the chance to bat twice.
4. Defensively, the pitcher cannot make an unassisted put-out at first base but must throw the ball to the first baseman. The pitcher can, however, make plays unassisted at any other base including home.
5. Infielders may not play in front of an imaginary line extending from first base to third base until the ball has been put into play.
6. Outfielders must play at least six (6) feet behind the base lines at all times unless assisting on a play. They cannot interfere with the runners.
7. The play is considered dead or over when the lead runner has stopped at a base or the ball has reached the pitcher's circle or crossed the pitcher's circle, but the ball does not have to be controlled by the pitcher. All runners that reached a halfway mark will be allowed to obtain the next base if that base is empty. If the ball is live and a play is made on a runner who has reached the halfway mark, the runner is at risk of being put out. **(The first and third base coaches also are umpires as well as coaching the batter.)**
8. All players on a roster are played in the field defensively. The infield consists of a pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman and shortstop. The remaining players are positioned in the outfield as described in number 6 above.
9. The coach or manager can position the tee and batter as long as the tee remains in contact with home plate. If a batter requires assistance to put the ball in play, the coach or manager may assist the batter after the batter has attempted several swings.
10. Each team will keep their batting order. No score book will be used since no standings or official score is kept for this division.
11. Managers are responsible for the cleanliness of the dugout and the field. No food, gum, or carbonated drinks are allowed in the dugouts. Only non-carbonated drinks are allowed in the dugout. No smoking in or around the dugout.
12. **BOTH** teams are responsible for field maintenance. Both teams should assist in setting up the fields for play (getting the bases, tee, and rakes, chalking the field, etc.) and raking after each game. Teams playing the last game of the day should return all equipment and rakes to the container.
13. For rain out information, call **713-238-5567** after 4:30 p.m. on game day or check the web site.