

TAMPA BAY LITTLE LEAGUE

T-Ball Division Rules

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General Rules

- TBLL will follow all Little League Minor Rules and Regulations.
- **Music Policy:**
 - No walk-up music for players.
 - Music can be played before games and between innings but must stop before the inning starts.

Game Format

1. Duration:

- Maximum of 3 innings per game.
- No new inning starts after 1 hour.

2. Batting:

- All players in the lineup will bat each inning.
- The inning ends once the last batter runs the bases as if hitting a home run.
- Players keep track of outs, but no official outs are recorded.

3. Defensive Play:

- All defensive players must be on the field.
- **Infield Positions:** Up to 7 infielders (2 pitchers and a catcher included).
- **Rotation:** Players must play a minimum of 3 defensive outs in the infield.

Batting Rules

1. Equipment:

- Batters must wear protective helmets with cages (mandatory).
- Bats must be USA certified

2. Hitting:

- Hitting off a tee.
- Base Advancement:
 - 1 base for infield hits.
 - 2 bases for outfield hits.
- Batter cannot strike out.

3. Safety:

- No "on-deck" batter; bats are not allowed in the dugout.
- Warnings for throwing bats:
 - First offense: Warning.
 - Second offense: Batter is out, no base runners advance.

Running Rules

1. Base Running:

- No base stealing.
- Runners advance after the ball is hit.

2. Advancement Limits:

- 1 base on an overthrow (dead ball rule).
- 1 base for infield hits, 2 bases for outfield hits (once the fielder controls the ball).
- No advancement on passed balls from the pitcher to the plate.

Defensive Rules

- Infielders must remain at least 35 feet from home plate before the ball is hit.
- Defensive fielders are instructed to return the ball to the pitcher after a play.

Game Management

1. Coaching:

- Each team is allowed one Manager and three (3) approved Coaches in the dugout or on the field.
- Coaches must be registered, pass a background check, and wear a lanyard during games and practices.

2. Umpiring:

- No official umpires or game protests.
- Coaches collaborate for the benefit of the children.
- Issues during games should be escalated to the Division Agent.

Player Placement/Changes

- Decisions about team placement or changes are made solely by:
 - Division Agents
 - Vice President of Baseball
 - League President
- Managers and coaches must not discuss placement changes with parents or players unless initiated by the Division Agent or Vice President.