

TEE BALL GROUND RULES
SPRING 2023
BRYAN UNITED LITTLE LEAGUE

Our main purpose as League Officials, Managers, & Coaches is to teach these kids the fundamentals of Baseball but have **FUN** while doing that!

1. Home Team plays defense (outfield) first and uses the 1st base dugout.
2. Visiting Team plays offense (bats) first and uses the 3rd base dugout.
3. Each game is 2 innings in length. Maximum 50 minutes.
4. If the defensive team (team in the outfield) gets an out, the runner must go back to the dugout. (We teach outs, but do not count them.)
5. The first 3 weeks – All players will bat using the tee. Meaning, you will bat your entire roster before the opposing team gets to bat. Each batter is limited to 4 attempts off the tee. (Keep the game moving!)
6. After 3 weeks – Batters will be allowed 2 live pitches from their Manager or Coach. Upon missing the second pitch, the tee shall be used with a limit of only 3 attempts off the tee. If the player does not hit after 3 attempts, it is a strike out and the player is out and must return to the dugout.
7. For the last 2 weeks of the season, when a team gets 3 outs, or they bat their entire line up, they switch. During these games you will play for 50 minutes and finish the last inning.
8. Offense (batting team):
 - a. Batting helmet must be worn and kept on while running bases.
 - b. Make sure batters are not throwing the bat after swinging.
 - c. No lead offs or base stealing.
 - d. Coaches on the field: You are allowed 1 Coach to help the batter at home plate. (The pitching Coach will help the batter after 3 weeks.) 1 Coach can be at 1st base to help direct the kids and tell them when to run. 1 Coach can be at 3rd base

to help direct the kids and tell them when to run. 1 Coach must remain in the dugout at all times to keep kids in correct batting order.

- e. 1 base is allowed on an overthrow. When the ball is back to the pitcher circle/mound, ALL base running stops! If for any reason the ball is lost or leaves the field of play – hold your runners.

9. Defense (outfield team):

- a. No more than 5 players in the infield. Infielders shall play a standard position: 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, short stop, and pitcher. No catcher will be used.
- b. Remainder of the players will be positioned in the outfield.
- c. A maximum of two (2) coaches in the field, teaching the fielding team how to cover the base and where to throw the ball. Coaches on the field do NOT interfere with the ball when it is in play!

10. At the end of the game, line up your team at 1st or 3rd base (whichever side you are on) and walk across the field to meet the opposing team at 2nd base for handshakes or high 5's. Teach good sportsmanship.

11. Do not keep score.

12. There are no umpires. No one will tell you when to start your game. Start your game at the appointed scheduled time. Remember, you only have a maximum of 50 minutes and another team will be scheduled to play after you.

13. Since there are no umpires, be fair and be civil.

14. A Coach or Parent from each team is responsible for getting a snack schedule together so a Parent is bringing a snack and drink for each kid after the game.

15. Be sure to teach your team to clean up after themselves and throw bottles and trash away. Use the trash cans in the dugouts. Teams are responsible for cleaning their own dugouts.

16. Please clean up dugout and exit promptly because another team will be ready to enter after you.

17. We encourage a team meeting after each game, preferably while handing out snacks, to tell the kids how great they did and ask what they have learned. This is a good time to remind parents when and where the next game will be held.
18. Contact your tee ball Coaching Coordinator, Kellye Hillegeist, 512-738-0348, if you have any questions.