

**HUDSON
BOOSTERS 2019
GIRLS T-BALL
RULES**

T-Ball emphasis is instructional. We want the players to learn the concepts of softball, and to develop skills that will carry them forward to the next level. There will be no end of the year tournament.

1. Practice/Game

- A. A practice will be held during the first ½ hour before each schedule game. **Home team has the infield for the practice time.**
- B. The game will be either **4 Innings** or subject to the time rule. There will be no UMPS!
 - (The half inning ends when there are 3 outs or a maximum of 4 runs have been scored
 - All games will end 5 minutes before the time of the next scheduled game.
- C. A maximum of 4 runs per inning. No score is kept at this level.
- D. All players present will be in the batting order.
- E. No player may play the same position more than once per game. **All players must play at least 1 inning in the infield.**
- F. Rotate players from bench to the field every inning. All players should sit out on an equal basis.
- G. Teams will play 4 outfielders. All outfielders must start each play on the outfield grass.
- H. Each team is responsible for getting and storing its own equipment, bats, helmets, and balls.
- I. Coaches may take positions in the field for defensive coaching but must not interfere with the play. This is instructional; coaches can position themselves on the field but let's limit it to a reasonable number.

2. HITTING

- A. The infield-fly rule (Pop fly to the infield with runners on 1st and 2nd or bases loaded, with less than 2 outs) will not be enforced. Base coaches must warn their players about running on a caught ball.
- B. Offensive coach can call a "no hit" if ball comes off of the tee as a result of hitting the tee and not the ball.
- C. No bunting is allowed.
- D. A batter throwing the bat will be warned once and called out on a second occurrence.
- E. All catchers, batters, base runners, and on-deck batters must wear protective headgear. Keep everyone else behind the fence. **On deck batter must be half way between the tee and first or third base.**
- F. Bats must say T-Ball or Little League (No more than 2 ¼ "diameter")

3. BASE RUNNING

- A. No base stealing is allowed.
- B. Runners cannot lead off of the base. A runner will be called out if they leave early.
- C. Runners **will not** advance a base on an overthrow. Play stops after overthrow, no consecutive overthrows.
- D. Runners will be called out if they run out of the baseline to avoid a tag, if they do not slide and there is contact between runner and fielder, or if they slide head first into a base.

4. GENERAL

- A. For safety reasons:
 - Encourage players to wear long pants when playing.
 - No Metal spikes allowed. Encourage turf-style shoes to prevent slipping
 - Watches, rings, necklaces, earrings, etc. should not be worn when playing.
 - Batters must wear a helmet.
 - It is recommended that all fielders wear a fielding mask.
- B. Wear the Hat and Shirt provided by the Boosters.
- C. No swearing or abusive language is permitted.

5. STORMS

- A. Coaches are to use good judgment when storms appear. If rain occurs and a game cannot be played, make sure that all players have a way home. It must be a mutual consent of all coaches to continue play.
- B. When lightning is first sighted, all play will be suspended.
- C. If a tornado warning sounds, make sure all players have a way to shelter. If there is not enough time to get home, seek shelter in neighborhood homes.
- D. Account for all players on the team before leaving the playing field.

6. RULES FOR COACHES

- A. Each team shall be comprised of 1 head coach and 2-3 assistant coaches for team creation purposes. After the teams are formed, encourage parents to help.
- B. Coaches will accept the players as assigned.
- C. Players can only be added to a team by the Baseball Commissioner and Program Chair.
- D. Coaches shall accept unequivocally all new players as assigned to their team.
- E. No coach may recruit a player for a team.
- F. Violation of the above rules will result in a hearing. Any disciplinary action could result in dismissal of the coach.

- G. Coaches are required to sign and understand the Hudson Booster Club's Softball In-House philosophy statement, as well as agree to a background check, prior to coaching.
- H. If issues arrive with parents, players, or the fields please contact the in-house director or softball commissioner immediately.
- I. Coaches may be positioned in the field as needed for instructional purposes only.