

# CHILI YOUTH BASEBALL

## Rules for T-Ball Division

Chili Baseball rules take precedent over Little League rules.

### **AT BATS:**

1. First 6 games: All players are to hit off of the tee. Players will get several chances if needed to hit the ball, the goal of T-ball is to teach players the basics of baseball. It is the coach's responsibility to keep the game moving quick enough for all the players to get sufficient game time.
2. Last 6 games: The Coach (of the team batting) will pitch to their own players. If after 5 swings (on good pitches) the player has not hit and attempted to advance to first base, then they **MUST** hit from the tee. If hitting off the Tee the rules for the first 6 games will apply to that batter.

NOTE: Pitching Overhand is preferred.

**BASERUNNING:** Baserunners may proceed at their own risk to only 1 base at a time. There are no extra base hits in this division. The runner can be called out if the defense makes a play by force out or a tag of the runner.

**CURFEW:** No inning will start after 7:30, except when a game is being played under the lights. An inning starts the moment the third out is made, completing the preceding inning.

**INFIELD/OUTFIELD LINE:** The infield/outfield line is an imaginary line running between first, second and third base.

**BATTING:** A batted ball must travel 10' from the tee to be in play. Batting order should be rotated each game.

1. Batter must stand in the batter's box as defined in the Little League rulebook.
2. Batter may "line up" his/her swing before the ball is placed on the tee.
3. A batted ball striking a non-player in the field will be a live ball and still in play.

**BUNTING, STEALING & SLIDING:** Bunting, stealing, and sliding **are NOT permitted**. Batter or baserunner will be called out after one warning.

**DEFENSIVE POSITIONING:** each team may field **ALL Rostered** players in regular baseball positions except:

1. There will be no catcher's position; a pitcher will cover home plate.
2. Players playing in the pitcher position will be 42' from the rear of home plate. The pitcher will **NOT** advance before the ball is hit.
3. There will be extra positions at this level. Coaches may play a player on each side of the pitchers mound, and a Rover behind the pitchers mound. Then, the normal infield positions will be fielded (i.e. First base, Second base, Short stop, Third base), then the remaining players are to play the outfield.
4. Bases are **60'** apart.

**GAME LENGTH:** Each game will consist of 5 innings. All games are played to 5 innings or 7:45, whichever comes first.

**NON-FIELD CONDUCT:** All players not on the field, batting or in the “on deck” areas **MUST** remain in the designated team area or bench. Players who do not comply after one warning may be benched for the remainder of the game.

**ON-FIELD HELP:** Up to 4 defensive coaches or parents (adults only) will be allowed in the field during play. **They must not, however, interfere** with fielders or runners. A coach or parent must **NOT** touch a baserunner while ball is in play.

**OVERTHROWS: NO extra bases** on overthrows at any base or home plate from any spot on the field.

**PLAYING TIME:** Each player listed on the team roster and appearing for a game **must play** unless a player is injured or does not have the desire to play.

**POSITIONS (INFIELD/OUTFIELD):** A player **cannot play the same position more than 2 innings** in any one game. All players **MUST play both infield and outfield** every game. A coach will be issued a warning after the first complaint about not complying with this rule. If there is a second complaint, the coach will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

**PRE-GAME WARM UPS:** Coaches should advise parents to have players at the field for warm ups no later than 6:00 p.m. Games start promptly at 6:15 p.m.

**SCORING: First 6 games** – batting through the lineup constitutes a half inning; **Last 6 Games** – 5 runs per team, per inning or 3 outs will constitute the end of the scoring team's turn at bat.

**STANDINGS:** T-Ball is an instructional division. **There are NO STANDINGS AND NO FIRST PLACE TEAMS.**

**UMPIRES: Coaches** will Umpire the games, if there is a challenge to a play the coaches will discuss and decide the best outcome that was view by both coaches.