

Lake Bluff Youth Baseball Association: T-Ball Rules

T-Ball will focus on introducing the game of baseball by helping to build a foundation of baseball fundamentals that will prepare players for Pinto. Emphasis will be placed on having fun, developing basic playing skills and a basic introduction on the rules of baseball.

Key Points

1. T-Ball is a non-competitive, instructional league.
2. Safety is the number priority.
3. FUN is the second priority

Duration of the Contest

1. Games will begin at the designated start time.
2. A game shall consist of not more than 60 minutes and does not have an inning minimum or maximum.
3. Games that are not completed due to weather may be rescheduled by LBYBA as weather and available dates permit.

T-Ball Safety Rules

1. There is no on-deck batter practice allowed in the T-Ball Division.
No one shall have a bat except for the batter at the plate.
2. All batters must wear a batting helmet.
3. Cleats are not required at the T-Ball level.
If worn, they must be rubber.
4. No head-first sliding (feet first only).
5. No sliding into 1B.

T-Ball General Game Rules

1. Coaching During the Game –
Defensive team may have up to a maximum of 2 coaches on the field at any time.

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Offensive team may have a maximum of 3 coaches/parents on the field (in these positions only):

- a. Batting assistance/back-catcher assistance/Umpire
 - b. 1st base
 - c. 3rd base
2. Player Exposure –
Every effort must be made to ensure all players have equal opportunity to field in all defensive positions and rotating batting orders during the game/season unless it is unsafe to do so (alternating players from the infield to outfield as well as a rotating batting order are required). The goal is to get every player exposure to all positions.
 3. Batting Rules –
All players will hit through the order each inning. The intent of the batting rule is to keep the kids engaged and having fun
 4. Last Batter -
The coach of the batting team must declare the last batter for their inning. Once the ball is in play, the last batter may run around all the bases.
 5. Outs –
The UMPIRE is the Coach of the team at Bat.
In the beginning of the year, we will not keep track of outs. Everybody is safe after they hit the ball. As the season progresses, we will incorporate outs. **With either scenario, an inning can only end after the last batter has batted, NOT after 3 outs**
 6. Keeping Score –
During the regular season we will NOT keep score.
If year-end playoffs or a round robin tournament is implemented, scores will be tracked in a fun manner.

T-Ball Rules of Play

1. For each batter, the ball will be placed on the “Hitting Tee” for the child to hit the ball. Fair and foul ball rules will be incorporated into teaching.
2. As the year progresses, “coach pitch” will be implemented.
After three attempts of hitting the underhand pitch, the ball will be placed on the Tee.

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3. Runners are encouraged to run fast and “through” first base. The runner cannot advance a base once the ball crosses back onto the in-field (the ball does not have to be caught).
4. Runners can advance on an in-field hit until a throw is made toward any base.
5. Runners may advance a maximum of 1 base on an overthrow.
6. Proper infield positions (C, P, 1B, 2B, 3B & SS) are to be played. Any additional players will play in the outfield.

Code Of Conduct

1. The LBYBA Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced. Any violations will be addressed by the LBYBA Board. Please refer to the LBYBA Code of Conduct for additional details. It is each coach’s responsibility to ensure that coaches, parents and fans honor the LBYBA Code of Conduct. Failure to do so could result, sequentially, in a warning from the umpire, relegation to the bench, ejection, and forfeiture of the game