



2009 SIAA T-BALL RULES

THE FIELD & GENERAL GAME RULES

1. Coaches are responsible for games should starting and ending promptly within their assigned field times. There are no Umpires for these games to manage that.
2. The Home Team occupies the 3rd Base Dugout
3. The diamond shall be 50 feet between bases
4. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any player must be dealt with immediately.
5. Two Innings at a minimum are played (assuming under 1 hour), if time allows and both coaches agree a 3rd inning can be played before expiration of time then it's at both coaches' discretion.
6. Everyone WINS, no scorekeeping for any games. Players and coaches should shake hands after the game is complete.

BATTING

1. This league is about developing core baseball skills hence, every inning the entire team hits regardless of how many outs are made.
2. Barring injury, once the batting order is set, you must bat in that order the entire game.
3. All players on the field surface (not in dugout or bench) must wear a helmet, this includes all base-runners, on deck batters, and the player batting.
4. The Batting Tee will be placed on home plate or if conditions dictate as close as location as possible.
5. An arc stretching from the 1st to 3rd base line (approximately 3 ft stretching from home plate) should be drawn with an end of the bat in the dirt. Balls hit off the tee must pass this arc or are considered foul balls.
6. The coach will throw 3 pitches to the player, if no fair ball is hit during that time, then the tee is placed on home plate for the player to hit the ball. Players swing from the tee until they hit a fair ball. A second coach can be used behind the plate to aid the player with swing, retrieve past balls etc.
7. Base Coaches help direct their players, but once a ball is returned to an infield player or the infield area (within the baselines), coaches should hold their players from taking extra bases assuming the player isn't already well beyond the point of no return.
8. Players cannot leave a base until the ball is hit.

FIELDING

1. Again this league is about developing score baseball skills hence, for infield play only one player per appropriate infield position. Therefore there are 6 players allowed within the base-paths at any given time (P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, & 3B). The remaining players play outfield positions backing up the infielders.
2. As mentioned earlier, there are unlimited outs per inning. In this developmental league think of outs as more important than runs.
3. Catcher must be in full gear to get behind the plate: Mask, Chest Protector, Shin Guards, and Glove.
4. Coaches are allowed on the diamond/outfield while their team is fielding that half of the inning to aid in coaching, which base to throw to, etc.
5. Stopping of hit balls (unless foul) by coaches is not allowed, a player must retrieve the ball.