

Bridge City Little League

TEE BALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

FUNCTIONAL PURPOSE OF THE TEE BALL PROGRAM

The Little League Tee Ball program is a tool by which young men and women can practice and develop baseball skills at an early age, with maximum enjoyment. For the beginner, this learning experience must be fun! It should not be overly organized, nor should it be done haphazardly. It should have structure but be flexible in nature.

MANAGERS/COACHES

The manager must approach Tee Ball with the attitude of helping young men and women through the learning process of baseball, not at all concerned with winning and losing. It is up to the manager to instill the same attitude in the parents of the young men and women. The managers will also be responsible for the conduct of their fans, and the assistants on the team.

GAMES AND PRACTICE

There will be a forty-five (45) minute time limit or two innings. Play until the time limit is completed. At the end of the time limit, the play will stop immediately. The maximum number of active days is set at 5 times a week after games begins, with a minimum of 4 active days.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Age: 4 - 5 years old - Boys And Girls

1. Scorekeeping: There will be no official or unofficial score keeping!
2. Dress: T-shirt and cap will be provided by the league and considered the official league uniform. Any player not in official league uniform will not be allowed to play. The player will provide shoes and pants. No jewelry will be allowed in a game. (The exception will be needed medical information). Shirts will be tucked in at all times.
3. Boundaries: Same as parent Little League. The home team coaches will be responsible for marking all field lines prior to the game. The visiting team should help prepare the field.
4. Assignment of Players: President of the League, Vice President and Player Agent of Tee Ball, will assign players to teams.
5. Teams: Roster of teams should not exceed 15 players. New players will be placed on a team in the order that each team is drawn.
6. Number of players: Defensive team: All team members present. Offensive team: All team members present. The number of players on each team does not have to be the same.
7. Defense: No player will be withheld from any game because of non-participation in practice or previous games. All defensive infielders will play normal infield positions (pitcher, first, second, shortstop, third).. The infielders may be positioned two (2) feet, maximum, in front of the baselines. All defensive outfielders must be positioned no closer than twenty (20) feet behind the baselines.
8. Pitching: The coach may pitch the ball overhand over underhand. Use the pitching style that best suits each child. The batter will receive three pitches from the coach, and if missed, the next swings will be at balls on a tee, which shall be set directly on, or in front of home plate.
9. Batting order: All players are listed in order they are to bat and each batter will bat in a rotation sequence. The team batting order will reverse each time at bat. . (The last batter in the first inning will be the first batter in the

second inning.) All players will bat. No swinging of bats in the dugout or on-deck will be allowed.

10. Base running: The runner must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Each hit by a player will count as a single only. Regardless of whether the batter or any base runner was put out. There are no outs. When the last batter bats, let all base runners touch home plate.
11. Side Retired: When the last batter in the batting order has completed his turn to bat, the side is retired.
12. Bases: Bases will be 60 feet apart.
13. Foul: Same as conventional Baseball and Softball with the exception that if the ball fails to travel 15 feet from home plate in fair territory, it is counted as a foul ball. An arc 15 feet from home plate will be marked prior to the game, from first base line to third base line.
14. Hitting: The batter will not be allowed to bunt.
15. Coaching: A team may have two (2) coaches in the outfield when their team is on defense. No coaches will be allowed in the infield at any time.
16. Regulation Game: Forty-five (45) minutes or two innings. Play the entire time limit, with no regard to which team is batting at the end of the game.
17. Schedules: First team listed on the schedules will be the visiting team, and will occupy the first base dugout. All games will be played according to the schedule. Any exceptions must have the approval of the T-Ball Vice President or the Player Agent. Informal games will be held. Interleague play will not be permitted. Rainouts will be not be rescheduled.
18. Protest: **Protests will not permitted in Tee Ball.**
19. Special Games or Play-offs: There will be none.
20. The manager/coach will be responsible for the actions of their fans.
21. The teams should be ready to leave the dugout immediately after the game is over. Select another place to hold a team meeting after the game.
22. It will be illegal to jump a defensive player attempting to make a play.
23. If a manager/coach is ejected from the last game of the season, the suspension will be enforced on the first two games of the following season.
24. All teams will receive the same trophies at the end of the season.
25. **No soft toss will be allowed into any fencing at BCLL!**

ALL MANAGERS AND TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING THE DUGOUTS AND SURROUNDING AREAS AFTER YOUR GAME.