



SENIOR T-BALL

Olentangy Braves Little League Senior T-Ball division is designed to continue introducing the game of baseball to participants aged 5-6. The rules set forth below are designed to provide the best learning opportunity for the participants

Eligibility: Senior T-Ball is open to players 5 to 6 years old.

Games: The Senior T-Ball season will consist of ten games. To the extent possible, each team will be scheduled to play one or two games per week. There will be no end-of-season tournament play for the Senior T-Ball division.

Number of Players Assigned to Each Team: No more than 12 players will be assigned to any Senior T-Ball team.

Three-Pitch Limit and Use of Tee: In the Senior T-Ball division, an offensive manager or coach has the option of throwing up to three pitches to a batter during each at bat. In order to prevent delay, the three-pitch limit shall be strictly enforced, regardless of the quality of the pitches. Pitches shall be thrown in any manner desired by the pitcher, but shall be thrown from a position in a straight line between home plate and second base. It is recommended to pitch overhand and from one knee.

Continuous Batting Order: Teams must use a continuous batting order, which includes all rostered players present at a given game, regardless of the defensive positions played during the game. Once the full roster has batted or three outs have been reached the inning will be over. (Please do not run the bases with the last batter for safety and time restraints.)

Three outs ending an inning is a new rule for this year. Please enforce this rule responsibly. This is meant to teach kids the rules of baseball. It is important to remember that scores are not kept and wins are not logged.

Defense: All players on a team's roster must be assigned a defensive position each inning. There shall be no more than 5 players in infield positions (1B, 2B, SS, 3B and P). There shall be no catchers.

Length of Games: Games shall be four innings long. No half-inning shall begin more than 60 minutes after the first batter of the game. Each inning will end with full roster batting or three outs.

Scoring: Scores shall not be kept.

Base paths and Base Running: Base stealing and leading off are prohibited. No base runner may leave any base until the batter has struck the ball. Base runners and hitters may advance more than one base on a batted ball if the ball is not in control of a defensive player. If a ball is hit to the outfield the runners will stop when an attempt is made to throw the ball from the outfield. It does not matter if the ball makes it to the infield. Base runners are not permitted to advance on an overthrow.

No Strikeouts: Once the tee is introduced during an at-bat, a player shall have an unlimited number of swings in which to hit the ball off the tee. There are no strikeouts.

Fair Territory: Any batted ball that travels into fair territory, but less than 10 feet, shall be declared a foul ball.

Retired Batters and Runners: Unlike Junior T-Ball Three outs can end an inning. A player who is retired while at bat or on the bases is required to return to the dugout. Under no circumstances shall a player who is retired be permitted to continue running the bases.

Coaches in Field of Play: Each team is permitted to have up to three coaches on the field during defensive game play. Coaches should not interfere with play after a ball is batted into fair territory, but are permitted to orally instruct players during live game play. Once the tee is introduced during an at-bat, each offensive team shall have a manager or coach positioned at home plate (to assist with the tee) and at first and third base (if three coaches are present). Once a ball is batted off of the tee, the coach positioned near home plate should immediately remove the tee to foul territory. Managers shall jointly agree on the outcome of any inadvertent coach interference.

Equal Opportunity for Players: Managers and coaches should ensure that all players are given an equal opportunity throughout the season to play each defensive position, and to bat in each position in the hitting lineup.

(Exception No. 1: A manager may exclude a player from playing the first base or pitcher positions if the manager believes, in good faith, that such a player would be exposed to undue risk of injury as a result of playing one of these defensive positions.)

(Exception No. 2: Although players should be encouraged to attempt to play all defensive positions, no player should be forced to play any defensive position if that player indicates that he or she does not wish to play the defensive position.)

Player Substitutions: There are no limits on the participation of players who arrive late or leave early from any Senior T-ball game. Such players shall be inserted into, or removed from, the offensive and defensive lineups in a manner that is consistent, to the extent possible, with the rules set forth above.