

RLL Tee Ball Rules - 2017

1. Tee Ball is an instruction league. The focus of each game should be to have fun. Instruction should focus on the beginning fundamentals, good sportsmanship, teamwork and camaraderie. Winning should not be an emphasis at this level.
2. No new inning will be started after 1 hour from the scheduled start time of the game, or after 3 complete innings.
3. No league standings will be maintained.
4. Home team is responsible for field preparation pre and post-game. Each team is responsible for the clean-up of dugouts and bleacher areas. It is suggested that dugouts and bleacher areas be cleaned prior to snacks being distributed.
5. Tee Ball division will utilize a soft-core ball as supplied by the league. Hard balls are not permitted.
6. During play, coaches are permitted in the field of play for instructional purposes only. One coach, team mom or assigned parent must remain in the dugout at all times to monitor players not in the field. Exception: if a parent is available to monitor the dugout, the third coach may assist in the field (one at the plate and two in the field).
7. All players are permitted on the field of play defensively.
8. All batters will hit using a league issued batting tee. All batters must wear league approved batting helmets. No exceptions. Only helmets, which are NOCSAE approved and exhibit the molded NOCSAE seal, are permitted.
9. Each player shall have the opportunity to hit the ball offensively regardless of number of swings. Coaches are encouraged to monitor the batters in the batter's box and instruct the batter on proper swing technique.
10. Batters should be instructed that **throwing of bats is strictly prohibited**. After striking the ball the batter should drop the bat where they stand. If a batter throws the bat, the game should stop, the batter explained the offense and cautioned. If the batter repeats the offense in that game, the batter will be called out and must return to the dugout. This is strictly a safety rule and in no way is intended to humiliate the player.
11. Only one batter shall be out of the dugout at any time. No on deck batters are permitted. Batters should be lined up and ready to approach the plate after play has ceased in the field. No player shall have a bat in their hand unless they are next to bat.
12. Teams will bat through the entire lineup regardless the number of defensive outs obtained.

13. The pitcher's mound is considered a "neutral" zone. If defensive players return the ball to the pitcher (pitchers helper), runners cannot advance. Should a runner advance after the ball has been returned to the "neutral" zone, the runner shall return to the previous base. Leading off the base and stealing is not permitted in the Tee Ball division. Runners must not leave their base until the ball is hit.
14. The T-Ball division does not use the Catchers position. Additional players may be used in the Outfield.
15. It is the manager's responsibility to remove from any game any broken, damaged or unsafe league issued or player owned equipment. Any league owned equipment, which is damaged, must be reported to the league equipment manager for immediate replacement. Additionally, managers should inspect any player owned equipment to make sure it meets minimum league requirements. If it does not, said equipment must be removed from play.
16. Personal battling helmets are permitted however; they must meet Little League standards and be NOCSAE approved. If the NOCSAE label is not molded in the helmet, league issued protection must be used. The coach should inform the parent of the rule and request the helmet not be used at Little League events.
17. No umpires are required at this level.
18. No food is permitted in the dugouts. The league requests that children be fed prior to or after the game. Food in the dugout is a distraction to the team and the player.
19. Only players on the team roster are permitted in the dugout with the coaches and/or a designated parent or dugout monitor. Batboys and/or Batgirls are not permitted.
20. Managers/coaches must use each player and utilize an equitable rotation plan that will allow each player the opportunity to play various positions on a regular basis. Positioning will be determined by the manager/coach.
21. Parents/Spectators. This should be a positive learning environment for the children. With that in mind, it is imperative that parents and spectators respect the children and their abilities. Encourage them rather than discourage them. If a comment is not positive, please hold it. Likewise, it is important that parents and spectators allow the managers and coaches to perform their roles. They are volunteers and have the children's best interest at heart. If you feel something can or should be done differently, please talk with the manager/coach in private. Remember, Ridgefield Little League is a volunteer organization and can use your talents in one area or another.