

2023 - NBLL Tee Ball Division Operational Bylaws

Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules apply to all NBLL activities. In addition to the above, the Local NBLL Bylaws and Ground Rules detailed below pertain to the NBLL Tee Ball division.

Objective

The overriding objective in Tee Ball is to have fun, learn sportsmanship, teamwork and begin to develop good fundamental baseball skills.

Young players will continue to play sports, and thereby obtain the positive attributes of playing in sports, only if they are having fun. Learning good sportsmanship and teamwork will help children become good citizens. Teaching fundamental baseball skills (e.g., throwing, running, hitting) will give children the basic skills necessary to enjoy the game.

Manager and Parent Attitude

All parents, managers, coaches, and attending adults are responsible for maintaining a positive environment at practices and games. Verbal encouragement of the players is permitted, other verbal statements directed at players or coaches are not.

Tee Ball is not the level at which one uses valuable practice time to stress "double-plays", "catching runners in the hot box" or in worrying about what position a player plays. If these youngsters have fun and learn fundamental baseball skills then these things will occur in good time. Also, even though it is necessary to channel players' energies to maintain a practice environment that allows all players to develop their skills, it is not the level where one assigns punishment for failing to perform or pay attention. A good manager will have their hands and minds full in trying to keep practice and games fun while also stressing solid baseball fundamentals (i.e., how to swing a bat, throw a ball, and how to correctly field a fly or ground ball).

Tee Ball parents bring their children to NBLL for their first "team" baseball experience. As such, Tee Ball parents have formally become NBLL stakeholders and share all "team" and local league responsibilities. NBLL is an all-volunteer organization; the fields and the organization exist only through the efforts of past and current parent involvement. All parents are invited to attend NBLL board meetings and become involved in league operation. It's a great chance to show your kids a real example of the value of community service!

The Teams

The Managers Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. Candidates for Tee Ball Managers are generally derived from the player registration forms where parents indicate their willingness to serve as a team Manager. Little League International requires all potential Managers to have a background check performed on them prior to taking a team. Each

team will consist of one Manager and three Coaches. All Managers and Coaches are required to wear close-toed shoes.

There are no "try-out" sessions for Tee Ball. The NBLL Player Agent assigns players to Tee Ball teams. Attempts will be made to honor parental requests for particular Managers and/or teammates. However, it is not always possible to honor all requests and keep teams with the required numbers of players. Players must have obtained the league age of 4 or 5 by August 31st in order to be eligible. Players who are league age 5 and have completed one year of T-Ball will be eligible to play in the Coach Pitch Division, or they may remain in the T-Ball Division for a second year.

Tee Ball Playing Rules

1. No score is kept. The coaches, or their designees, will umpire their own game. Coaches are allowed on the field and may assist players, both on offense and defense.
2. Games are up to 55 minutes long; however, must end at the scheduled time regardless of when the game had begun.
3. All offensive players must remain seated in the designated dugout area. At least one, and preferably two, parents must be present to supervise the kids in the dug out area. Warm-up swings are not allowed. Please note: Most serious T-ball injuries occur in the dugout area.
4. All players bat every offensive half of an inning.
5. The ball must be hit from the Tee. The ball must travel in fair territory to be considered in play; otherwise it is considered a foul ball. Players will continue to swing until the ball is put in play. If the ball is not hit after 5 swings, the coach should assist to get the ball in play. Bunting is not allowed.
6. A runner put out on a defensive play will stay on base to gain experience running the bases. All infield hits are limited to singles.
7. Runners should not advance any more than one more base at a time. Stealing and sliding is not allowed. Runners must stay on the base until the ball is hit.
8. When the last offensive player in the order bats, the coach must let the defensive team know that the last batter is up. On a play by the last batter, all runners advance to home and defensive team must stay on the field until the last batter crosses home plate.
9. All players play every defensive half of an inning. The infielders and catcher play at their designated positions. All remaining players play in the outfield. No player will play in the same position more than one inning.
10. Teams are responsible for cleaning the dugout and fan seating area and returning league equipment to its proper storage area after the game.

11. Games are not canceled due to inclement weather until the league Officer on Duty reports to the field and is able to ascertain the playability of the field. Please be advised that games may be cancelled at one location but not another, even on the same large field. In the event that the Lightning Prediction System's warning horn blows, teams are to immediately clear the playing field and are not to resume play until after the "all-clear" sound has been given and the Officer on Duty has declared the field safe for play. T-Ball games are generally not made up.

12. All participants and spectators must exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Taunting, negative comments, and foul language will not be tolerated. Spectators should encourage the players; ignore errors and refrain from coaching. Managers are strongly encouraged to hold a parents meeting before the first practice to inform the parents of the objectives and rules of the league.

Note

At the discretion of a quorum of the executive board, the by-laws can be changed at any point in time.