

**BASEBALL TEE BALL DIVISION
LOCAL RULES 2021**

SUPPLEMENTAL TO ROCKLEDGE LITTLE LEAGUE STANDING RULES

1. Rules of Little League Baseball, Incorporated and the Local League Standing rules shall apply unless amended hereunder. These rules shall apply to Tee Ball League, ages 4, 5 and 6.
2. A “reduced injury factor” (RIF) ball shall be used at all games and practices.
3. All batter will hit from a tee for the first half of the season. For the second half batters have the option of hitting a pitched/tossed ball. Three pitches will be offered to the batter, if not successful after the third pitch (one pitch equals one swing) the batter will then use a batting tee for the remaining 3 swings.
4. A strike-out shall occur as follows:

The batter shall be allowed six (6) tries to put the ball in play by hitting the ball off a tee. If the batter fails to put the ball in play after the sixth try, the batter shall be out.
5. A foul ball shall be called as follows:
 - a. The same as in conventional baseball, except any ball that travels less than twenty (20) feet from home plate in “fair territory” shall be called foul.
 - b. The Umpire shall be sole judge as to whether the ball traveled far enough to be called fair.
 - c. Do NOT use chalk to draw the 20-foot line. The Umpire shall be encouraged to pace off the distance prior to the game and stand close to the area to assist in making the proper call.
6. The overthrow rule shall be as follows:
 - a. If in an attempt to retire the batter/runner at first base, the player covering first base fails to catch the thrown ball, no runner may advance more than two (2) bases from where the runner was at the time of the hit.
 - b. Runners advance at their own risk.
 - c. If a play is made on any other runner after the overthrow to first base, this rule shall not be in effect.
7. The stealing rule shall be as follows:
 - a. No base stealing shall be permitted.
 - b. If a base runner leaves the base before the ball is hit, the ball shall be declared dead, and play shall not continue and no runners shall advance.
8. The hitting/bunting rule shall be as follows:
 - a. Batters shall not be allowed to bunt or take a half-swing.
 - b. If in the Umpire’s judgment, the batter did not take a full swing, the batter and all base runners shall return to their original positions.
 - c. If such a strike is the third strike, the batter shall be out.
 - d. If any base runners are retired on such a swing, the out(s) shall stand and all other base runners shall return to their original bases.
 - e. If the batter hits the tee and not the ball with his/her swing, the ball shall be called foul regardless of where the ball goes.
 - 1) If a pop fly on such a swing is caught, the batter shall be out.
 - 2) This shall be entirely a judgment call by the Umpire.

- 3) In general, if the ball is hit at the same time as the tee, the Umpire should allow the play to continue.
9. The home plate coaching shall be as follows:
- The Manager or Coach at home plate may briefly demonstrate the proper swing or batting position to the batter prior to the ball being hit.
 - Once the ball is batted, the Manager/Coach shall be permitted to direct the batter/runner or any base runner by voice or signal only, no physical assistance shall be allowed.
 - It shall be the home plate Manager/Coach's responsibility to remove the batting tee from the plate area if a play involves a player trying to score.
 - Failure to do so may result in an obstruction call by the Umpire.
10. The defensive player position rule shall be as follows:
- All infield defensive players, except the pitcher and catcher, shall remain off the infield grass until the ball is hit.
 - All outfield defensive players shall be in the grass area beyond the base paths until the ball is hit.
 - The player who occupies the defensive position of pitcher shall keep one foot in contact with the rubber until the ball is hit.
11. The playing equipment rule shall be as follows:
12. The Manager shall be responsible to see that all male players wear athletic supporters to all practices and games.
- All male catchers shall wear a supporter with a protective cup any time he is in the catcher position.
 - All catchers shall wear shin guards, a chest protector, and a helmet with a mask and throat guard.
 - Catcher's mitts shall not be required.
 - The Manager shall be required to properly maintain all equipment in safe playing condition.
 - If any equipment is not suitable due to size, the Manager shall call other Managers to ascertain the possibility of trading equipment.
 - If this has occurred with no results, the Manager shall contact the Equipment Manager.
13. The defensive coaching rule shall be as follows:
- Two (2) defensive coaches shall be allowed on the field with the players during play, provided the Coach remains in the outfield grass behind the infield players.
14. The time limit shall be as follows:
- There shall be a minimum of four (4) complete innings or one hour and fifteen minutes.
15. The infield fly rule shall not be in effect.
16. There shall be no protest.
17. All players shall have a defensive position.
18. There shall be no official scorebook kept.
19. The maximum number of batters per half inning shall be the number of players present at the game.

- a. After the maximum number of players has batted, the half inning shall be over even if there are fewer than three (3) outs.
 - b. Late arriving players shall enter the game only at the top of an inning and shall bat after the last player of the official batting lineup.
20. Defensive time outs shall be as follows:
- a. The defensive Coach shall be allowed three (3) time outs for a maximum of thirty (30) seconds each per inning. No coaching shall be allowed while the ball is in play.
21. The base coaching shall be as follows:
- a. Two (2) adult base Coaches shall be permitted, but not mandatory. A player wearing a helmet shall accompany the adult(s) in the coach's box (es).
22. Additional safety rules shall include the following:
- a. Dugouts: Only the team players, the Manager, two (2) coaches, and one (1) team parent shall be permitted in the dugout.
 - b. Bats:
 - 1) There shall be no batting warm up until the player is at home plate awaiting his/her turn at bat.
 - 2) There shall be only one (1) bat in a player's hand, and that shall be the player at home plate awaiting his/her turn at bat.
 - 3) There shall be no exceptions to this rule.
 - c. There shall be no throwing of baseballs outside the fenced field areas.
 - d. Safety shall be of primary concern to all.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Rockledge Little League on the 15th day of December 2020

/s/ Kelly Caceres

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