



## Tee Ball Division

All rules in the “Official Playing Rules” Sections of the **Little League Rule Book** apply to the T-Ball Division with the following exceptions:

1. **The game will consist of six (6) innings, or one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15), whichever occurs first.** No new inning will start after one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes from the start of the game. There is NO minimum number of innings necessary to define an official game. Games ended as a result of the time limit shall constitute a complete game, regardless of the number of innings played. At least nine (9) players must be present on each team before the game may be legally started. All innings shall be played to completion
2. **Tee Ball Bats.** Players will hit using an approved tee and approved bats of 24 to 26 inches with a rubber or tape grip on the handle. All Tee ball bats must meet USA Baseball Bat Standards and feature the USA Baseball mark and test which reads “Only for use with approved tee balls.” Tee ball bats produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new USA Baseball Bat Standards can be certified using and Approved Tee Ball Sticker which can be provided by Rancho Penasquitos Little League.
3. **All present members of the entire roster shall be included in the batting order at all times, maintaining the order entered in the official lineup.** An official batting order will be submitted to the roster-keeper and opposing manager at least ten (10) minutes prior to game start time.
4. **The roster-keeper shall inform the managers that a player has batted out of order.** There shall be no penalty imposed for batting out of order. That player shall resume their normal batting position in the roster the next time they are at-bat.
5. **The defensive team may use 10 players.** There may be ten (10) defensive players, with the 10th player positioned as a fourth outfielder. The fourth outfielder, as well as the other three (3) outfielders, must remain in the outfield, beyond the outfield hash line, until the ball is hit. As part of field prep, there will be an arc hash line from foul line to foul line measured at a distance of 50 feet from the back center of the pitching rubber.
6. **All players must play at least three (3) of the first four (4) innings.** A player must play at least two (2) of those innings, and not more than four (4) innings, in an infield position (at least one and no more than three in a shortened game), no exceptions. Infield positions include pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base, and shortstop. No player is permitted to sit out for a second defensive inning until all players in the batting order have sat out at least once on defense.

**EXCEPTION:** A player may play more than four (4) innings in the infield ONLY after the entire roster has already played two (2) infield innings.

7. **There will be no base stealing.** A runner is not allowed to leave his base until the ball is hit by a batter.
8. **There will be no infield fly rule.**
9. **A batter has the option of trying for a double on a ball hit into the outfield.** If the batter attempts a double, he does risk being thrown out at second.
10. **The field will have a home run line 125 feet from home plate, 50 foot base paths, foul line markings, and a 15-foot arc in front of home plate.** Any batted ball that bounces or rolls over the outfield boundary (usually marked by cones), will be ruled a “Ground Rule Double.” Any batted ball that goes over the line on the fly, before touching the ground, is a home run; even if it is first touched by a player. The pitcher’s position will be a 10-foot diameter circle in the infield, halfway between first and third base, and halfway between home plate and second base. The pitcher must keep both feet completely inside the circle until the ball is hit.
11. **When batting off the tee, the ball is foul if it fails to go past the 15-foot arc in front of home plate into fair territory.** No bunting is permitted. (RULING: Ball is dead, no play). No strikeouts.
12. **Runners may not advance on overthrows.** When the defensive team makes an overthrow that goes out of play, the ball is considered dead and runners must return to the last base legally touched. An overthrow past the outfield cones, but in fair territory, is considered out of play.
13. **No manager or coach shall touch any player while the ball is in play.** If an offensive Manager or Coach touches a player, the ball will be dead; the nearest base runner will be called out; and all other base runners will return to the last base legally touched. If a defensive Manager or Coach touches a base runner, all runners will be entitled to advance one base past the last base legally touched.
14. **A maximum of four (4) adults are allowed in the dugout at one time once play has started.** There must be at least one adult in the dugout at all times. Any adult in the dugout must have an RPLL approved Volunteer Application filed with the League and a background check performed. The RPLL Volunteer Application can be found at [www.rpll.org](http://www.rpll.org) in the *Documents* section.
15. **A Manager or Coach from the team at bat will accompany the batter to home plate to adjust the tee; place the ball on the tee; and position the batter prior to each swing, if needed.** The team at bat will also have a first (1st) and third (3rd) base Coach. Managers or Coaches must stay at least three (3) feet behind the foul line when the ball is in play.

16. **The Manager or Coach who is positioning the player at the tee must remove the tee and the bat after the ball is hit for safety purposes.** A base runner cannot score while the tee is on home plate (no run is scored, no out is recorded, the runner goes to the dugout).
17. **There will be two (2) defensive Coaches allowed on the field.** Both defensive Coaches must remain in the outfield at least 15 feet behind the baseline at all times. Should a ball-in-play hit one of the defensive Coaches, the ball is considered live and play will continue.
18. **The offensive first (1st) and third (3rd) base Coaches will umpire their respective bases.** The two (2) defensive Coaches will umpire second base and the home run line. The Coach managing the tee will umpire home plate and fair or foul plays.
19. **Once a ball thrown from the field passes the 15-foot arc on its way to home plate, the ball will be dead, unless there is a play at the plate.** In the case of no play at the plate, all runners will return to the last base touched. **EXCEPTION:** If the last base touched is occupied by a following runner when the ball passes the 15-foot arc, the runner will be allowed to advance to the next base.
20. **The catcher will wear a designated catcher's mask, shin guards, chest protector, and (if male) protective cup.** A catcher's mitt is optional. **NO SHORTS ARE ALLOWED FOR ANY PLAYERS** during games or practices.
21. **Two (2) runners may not occupy the same base, but, if while the ball is in play, two (2) runners are touching the same base, the following runner will be out, if tagged.** The preceding runner is entitled to the base unless a force play is involved. The preceding runner is out when tagged or the next base is touched.
22. **A runner is out when:**
  - (A) He/she runs more than three (3) feet away from a direct line between bases to avoid being tagged, unless his/her action is to avoid interference when a fielder is fielding the ball.
  - (B) He/she intentionally interferes with a thrown ball, or hinders a fielder while attempting to make a play on a batted ball.
23. **RIF Safety Balls Must Be Used.** A medium firmness RIF (Reduced Injury Factor) baseball will be used in all games.
24. **Chalk Lines for Games.** In addition to the customary lines for Little League Baseball, the following lines will be drawn:
  - a. A hash mark will be placed intersecting the 3rd base line, halfway between 3rd and home.
  - b. A 10-foot circle will be drawn around the pitcher/pitching machine location.
  - c. An outfield arc line will be drawn 125 feet from home plate.
  - d. A hash line arc will be drawn from foul line to foul line, 50 feet from the back center of the pitching rubber.
  - e. A 15-foot arc extending out from home plate, from the 3rd base line to the 1st base line.