

Lindenwald Baseball

2008 T-Ball Rules

T-Ball is designed to teach young players the basic fundamentals of baseball. At the T-Ball level, players should be learning how to have fun and the basic fundamentals they will use in their future athletic career. This is why there is no one winner in T-Ball. In T-Ball everyone is a winner, so there is no keeping score, only having fun while learning the great game of baseball. Here are a few basic rules that every team should follow.

1. Players' ages are four through six. The child should be of age by April 1st of the year they sign up to play.
2. Players on a team-12 maximum, all must play the whole game.
3. All players must play every field position at least once during the season.
4. Every player must bat first and last at least once during the season.
5. The game will consist of at least three innings, possibly 4 if time permits.
6. Each player will swing until they hit the ball. If after 8 swings the ball does not reach 20 ft, the player will be awarded first base.
7. The ball must go at least 20 feet crossing the dead ball line to qualify as a hit
8. All players should remain in their normal fielding positions which is no more than five feet within the base line, but not directly in the base line, until the ball is hit. The pitcher must remain on the mound or pitching rubber until the ball crosses dead ball zone.
9. No player should be inside the dead ball zone (20 ft from home plate) until the ball is hit.
10. 50 feet between the base pads. Safety base for first base.
11. Players will advance every hit until the ball is fielded in the infield. A runner must be over half way to advance to the next base. If not, the runner must return to the previous base.
12. On the last batter, all base runners will advance all the bases until the ball reaches home plate and is controlled by the catcher on home plate.
13. The ball is hit off a batting tee; there is no pitching
14. No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit
15. No Stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit. No sliding.
16. An inning is over after all players on both teams have batted once.
17. Batting helmets must be worn by the batter and the catcher
18. Bats- must be 2 ¼ " diameter, max. 14 to 16 ounces is recommended (T-Ball Bat)
19. Ball-9" to 9 ½ " round; 4 to 5 ounces softer than a standard baseball
Molded core or sponge rubber center, Official T-Ball Ball
20. Gloves 10" long max is recommended
21. Tee- adjustable, flexible tube on a movable base
22. Rubber or plastic cleats for good footing. **NO METAL CLEATS**
23. Though outs are not recorded, if a base runner gets out, he or she must return to the dug-out. This is meant to reward the defense and encourage base runners to do their best on each and every opportunity.

No T-ball rule can be added,deleted, or modified without written consent of the Board of Directors of Lindenwald Baseball Inc.