



2023 Sandusky Youth Athletic Association

TEE BALL LEAGUE RULES

Eligibility

1. Tee Ball league is a coed league for boys and girls, ages 4 and 5. Boy's league age is determined by their age as of April 30th of the current year. Girl's league is determined by their age as of Dec 31st of the previous year.

General rules

2. Good Sportsmanship will be used at all times. Any player or parent failing to do so will be removed from the game at the coach's discretion. Coaches showing poor sportsmanship should be reported to SYAA officials.
3. Coaches and players should be at the field 15 minutes before game time.
4. There will be no forfeits in Tee Ball.
5. The Home team:
 - A. Uses the 3rd base dugout.
 - B. Gets the game balls from the field closet before the game begins.
6. Each coach will be responsible for their team hustling on and off the field between innings.
7. Tee Ball League games will be 3 innings or 1hr.
8. The 1 hr time limit will be strictly enforced if there are games scheduled on that field following your game. No new innings can start after 1 hr when there is a game on the same field after your game.
9. Base distance will be 60 feet.
10. Weather cancellations will be communicated through SI Play. All make up dates must be scheduled through the SYAA to ensure field availability.

Uniforms and Equipment

11. Metal spikes are not allowed by players. Rubber spikes and tennis shoes are permissible.
12. Ball pants are recommended, but any kind of long pants are acceptable and required. Players are not allowed to wear shorts.
13. No cut off tee shirts or jewelry is allowed.
14. All players batting or running bases must wear an approved helmet at all times. Coaches are responsible for teaching the kids to keep their helmets on until they are off the playing field.
15. Bats are to be 2 ¼ or 2 5/8 diameter and should say tee ball on them. Recommended length is up to 26." No softball bats or wood bats. We do not require a bat to carry the USA Baseball stamp.

Batting

16. Coaches will pitch a maximum of 3 underhand or overhand pitches to each batter per at bat, whatever is comfortable for the coach and the player. If the player does not hit the ball, then the coaches will place the ball on the tee for the players. The player will swing until they make contact with the ball.
17. Coaches are responsible for teaching the kids to not throw their bats after they hit the ball.
18. All teams will use a rotational batting order for all players present. This batting order will remain the same throughout the game, unless adjustments are needed due to an injury. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the batting order. All players present will bat every inning.

Base Running

19. Runners will advance one base at a time, except for the last batter in the lineup, who will clear the bases after hitting.



20. Base runners may not leave base until the ball is hit by the batter.

Fielding

21. When a defensive player fields a batted ball, that player should be instructed to throw the ball towards the nearest base, or to throw it to the coach that is pitching.
22. All players present will play in the field. Coaches are allowed to stay in the field with their players to help keep them in position.
23. Coaches should try and teach the kids to not all swarm to the ball when its hit, only to go after balls that are hit in their area of the field.

Scoring

24. No score will be kept.

Participation and sportsmanship are the emphasis of the SYAA summer ball program. Fans, parents, and coaches are asked to be examples of good sportsmanship. Loud, obnoxious behavior at these youth events is strongly discouraged. After a warning to refrain from such behavior, a fan or coach may be asked to leave the park. Please help us show the spirit of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!