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## Tee Ball Local Rules

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### Recommended league ages: 4-6 year-olds

Six-year-old players should only play tee ball if they have not previously played Little League.

Teams and parents are expected to work together cleaning up the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### General Rules:

1. Game time limit is a minimum of two and a half innings and a maximum of four full innings, or one hour and fifteen minutes.
2. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited
3. The Home Manager and their assistants are responsible for batting tees, bases, and field care; before and after each game. If your game is the last scheduled game on the field the Home Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that equipment is put away securely.
4. There are no umpires in tee ball. Balls, strikes, outs, and runs are not tracked.
5. There will be no coach pitch in the tee ball season.
6. Soft tee ball style baseballs will be used for the season.

### Offense Rules:

1. Players bat through the lineup in a pre-stated batting order. The side is retired when the offensive team bats through the order.

### Defense Rules:

1. All players play each inning in the field, simultaneously.
2. The defensive team must utilize "standard" infield positions; one player per position except pitcher which may have two children. All remaining players will play in the outfield and must be positioned in an umbrella formation. Catcher is optional, but a player in the position must wear applicable safety gear.
3. All players must play at least one inning in the infield.
4. If a put out is made the runner remains on base.

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## Rookie Local Rules

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### Recommended league ages: 6-7 year-olds

Teams and parents are expected to work together cleaning up the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### General Rules:

1. Game time limit is a suggested minimum of three innings and a maximum of six, not to exceed one hour and thirty minutes of play.
2. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited.
3. The Home Team Manager and their assistants are responsible for all field care before each game and the visiting team is responsible for post-game care.
4. There are no umpires in Rookie. Balls, strikes, outs, and runs are not tracked.
5. During the first inning of play both teams shall bat through their order. Thereafter a side shall be retired if they score five runs or three outs.
6. Managers and Coaches should accompany their players onto the field for instructional purposes.
7. Soft tee ball style baseballs will be used for the season.
8. Put outs will be tracked and a runner will be retired from the base if they are out.

### Offense Rules:

1. Batting order shall consist of all players present, regardless of the number, and must be maintained through the game. Late players shall be added to the lineup at the end of the order. Managers should alter their batting order each game.
2. Managers or coaches will pitch to their own players. If a player does not hit the ball after approximately eight pitches the team Manager or Coach shall provide a tee for the player.
3. No base stealing is allowed.
4. Runners may not advance bases on overthrows.
5. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may advance until the ball has been returned to possession of an infield player in the infield.
6. If a hit ball strikes a Manager or Coach it is declared a dead ball and the batter will be awarded the first base and all forced runners will advance one base.

### Defense Rules:

1. All players play each inning in the field, simultaneously. Players should be rotated between the infield and outfield each inning and should rotate positions accordingly. All players must play at least one inning in the infield.

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2. The defense team must utilize standard infield positions; one player per position except pitcher which may have two children. All remaining players will play in the outfield and must be positioned in an umbrella formation at least ten feet from the infield. Catcher is optional, but a player in the position must wear applicable safety gear.
3. All players must play one inning in the infield, per game. Exceptions may be made for purposes related to player safety with approval of the Player Agent or Safety Officer.

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## A Local Rules

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### Recommended league ages: 7-8 year-olds

Teams and parents are expected to work together cleaning up the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### General Rules:

1. Game time limit is a suggested minimum of four innings and a maximum of six, with a drop-dead time of one hour and thirty minutes.
2. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited.
3. The Home Team Manager and their assistants are responsible for all field care before each game and the visiting team is responsible for post-game care.
4. The offensive coach who pitches shall server as the main umpire during the game.
5. During the first inning of play both teams shall bat through their order.
6. After the first inning a side shall be retired when they score five runs or three outs, whichever comes first.
7. Intentional throwing of bats, helmets, gloves, or other equipment shall not be tolerated. Any player who intentionally throws equipment in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be benched for one inning and removed from the game on any subsequent misbehavior.
8. Managers and Coaches may accompany their players onto the field for instructional purposes. At no time should a ball in play be handled by a Manager or Coach. Managers and Coaches may not touch a player during a play. Managers and Coaches should ensure that the catcher is playing their position and not interfere beyond teaching.

### Offense Rules:

1. Batting order shall consist of all players present, regardless of the number, and must be maintained through the game. Late players shall be added to the lineup at the end of the order. Managers should alter their batting order each game.
2. Each player shall receive five hit-able pitches not to exceed three swinging strikes
3. Bunting is not permitted.
4. No base stealing is allowed.
5. Runners may not advance bases on overthrows to first base. Runners may advance one base on overthrows to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may advance until the ball has been returned to possession of an infield player in the infield.
7. If a hit ball strikes a Manager or Coach it is declared a dead ball and the batter will be awarded the first base and all forced runners will advance one base.

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## **Defense Rules:**

1. All players play each inning in the field, simultaneously.
2. The defense team must utilize standard infield positions; one player per position. All remaining players will play in the outfield and must be positioned in an umbrella formation at least ten feet from the infield.
3. All players must play one inning in the infield, per game. Unless circumstances prohibit no player should play more than three innings in the infield. While playing in the infield no player should play more than one inning in a single position. Exceptions may be made for purposes related to player safety with approval of the Player Agent or Safety Officer.

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## AA Local Rules

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### Recommended league ages: 8-10 year-olds

Minimum play rules are in effect in the AA division. Each rostered player must participate in the game for a minimum of six defensive outs and bat at least once. If, within a game, due to time constraints or other circumstances, a player does not meet the requirements they will start the next scheduled game. The player then must play the missed minimum play from the last game as well as minimum play for the current game before they may be removed.

A Manager who violates minimum play shall be issued a written warning on the first violation, a suspension from their next game on the second violation, and suspension for the remainder of the season on a third violation.

Teams are expected to work together cleaning up the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### General Rules:

1. No new inning may be started after one hour and thirty minutes with a drop-dead time of one hour forty-five minutes.
2. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited.
3. The team Managers and their assistants from both teams shall work together to prep and tear down the fields each day.
4. Home Team is the official book and must provide a scorekeeper to utilize Game Changer from a league issued iPad. If the home team is unable to provide a scorekeeper their Manager or Coach must leave the field of play and serve as score keeper. The home score keeper must sit behind the backstop and not in the stands. Visiting score keepers may also sit behind the backstop, but it is not required.
5. Intentional throwing of bats, helmets, gloves, or other equipment shall not be tolerated. Any player who intentionally throws equipment or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner may be subject to discipline by Managers and/or Umpires.
6. A side is retired if they score five runs or reach three outs or bat through the entire order. The declared last inning shall be an open inning.
7. The Home team gets the cages for 30 minutes starting 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to game time. Visiting teams get the cages for 30 minutes 1 hour prior to game time. Teams playing on fields 1 or 2 use the top cages and teams on fields 3 and 4 get the lower cages.

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## Offense Rules:

1. Stealing is allowed. The runner may only leave the base once the pitched ball has reached the batter. Leading off is not allowed. Home may not be stolen before the first week of May.
2. Runners may advance one base per pass ball on the catcher. Runners may additionally advance one base per overthrown ball. After the first week of May, players may advance freely on pass balls.
3. Head first slides are not allowed except when a player is returning to a base. Non base-returning head first slides result in an automatic out.
4. Batters are out in the event of a drop third strike.

## Pitching Rules:

1. Until the first week of May, Pitchers may throw from the front of the mound to decrease the distance between the batter and pitcher to encourage development of young arms. Players already adept at pitching or with above average arm should be moved to the traditional pitching rubber. League personnel may instruct a child to move back if a safety or skill gap is noted.
2. Pitch count rules are in effect as follows:
  - a. All AA players shall observe a drop dead of 40 pitches for the duration of the season.
  - b. 11-year-olds may not pitch in AA.
  - c. A manager who does not observe pitch count rules or rest days shall be issued a written warning on the first offense and may be suspended at the discretion of the discipline committee on subsequent violations.
3. Intentional walks are not allowed.

## Defense Rules:

1. Ten players maximum are on the field. Standard infield positions must be used. Up to four outfielders are allowed, positioned in an umbrella formation.
2. All players must play one inning in the infield, per game. Exceptions may be made for purposes related to player safety with approval of the Player Agent or Safety Officer.

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## AAA Local Rules

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### **Recommended league ages: 9-11 year-olds**

Minimum play rules are in effect in the AAA division. Each rostered player must participate in the game for a minimum of six defensive outs and bat at least once. If, within a game, due to time constraints or other circumstances, a player does not meet the requirements they will start the next scheduled game. The player then must play the missed minimum play from the last game as well as minimum play for the current game before they may be removed.

A Manager who violates minimum play shall be issued a written warning on the first violation, a suspension from their next game on the second violation, and suspension for the remainder of the season on a third violation.

Teams are responsible for the cleanup of the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### **General Rules:**

1. 60-foot base paths should be used for all games.
2. AAA games shall have no new inning after one hour and fifty minutes. The inning, once started, shall be completed. In the event the final inning ends in a tie the Scheduler and President may schedule either a continuance of the game from the point it left off or a sudden death tie breaker, or they may let the tie stand and deem the game as final. Any AAA game that is the last game of the day shall play until a drop dead of 9:30 PM.
3. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited.
4. The Home Team Manager and their assistants are responsible for all field care before each game and the visiting team is responsible for post-game care.
5. Home Team is the official book and must provide a scorekeeper to utilize Game Changer from a league issued iPad. If the home team is unable to provide a scorekeeper their Manager or Coach must leave the field of play and serve as score keeper. The home score keeper must sit behind the backstop and not in the stands. Visiting score keepers may also sit behind the backstop, but it is not required.
6. Intentional throwing of bats, helmets, gloves, or other equipment shall not be tolerated. Any player who intentionally throws equipment or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner towards other players or officials shall be benched for one inning and removed from the game on any subsequent misbehavior.
7. The Home team gets the cages for 30 minutes starting 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to game time. Visiting teams get the cages for 30 minutes 1 hour prior to game time. Teams playing on fields 1 or 2 use the top cages and teams on fields 3 and 4 get the lower cages.

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8. An inning shall end as soon as 5 runs have been scored or 3 outs achieved except during the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, which shall be an open inning.
9. If a player arrives late to their game the Manager has no obligation to play them. However, once such player is entered into the game minimum play must be met.
10. If a player misses three consecutive games or practices the Manager must notify the Player Agent immediately. The Player Agent and President shall decide whether it is appropriate to release and replace the player or not. If the player is to be replaced the Player Agent shall choose from eligible AA players and obtain consent from the parents of the child to move them up. Players will not be replaced in the final two weeks of play or during the post season.

## **Batting Rules**

1. The batting order shall consist of all players present and must be maintained throughout the game.

## **Pitching Rules**

1. All players will observe a drop dead 50 pitches until the first week of May at which time green book age rules for all players aged 9 and up go into effect: Players age 9-10 are limited to 75 pitches per day and players aged 11-12 are limited to 85 pitches per day. Rest is as follows: 1-20, 0 days; 21-35 1 day; 36-50 2 days; 51-65 3 days; 66+ 4 days. Players aged 8 and below shall continue to observe a drop dead of 50.
2. If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit for the day while facing a batter the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is retired, or the third out is made.
3. Any player who delivers 20 or more pitches in a game may not play catcher for the remainder of the day. Any player who catches into a 4<sup>th</sup> inning may not pitch for the remainder of the day.
4. Players may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

## **Base Running**

1. Leading off is not allowed.
2. Stealing of bases is allowed, but the runner may only leave the base once the ball has reached the batter.
3. Runners may advance bases on overthrows to any base and home may be stolen.
4. Head first sliding is not allowed, except when a player is returning to a base. Non base-returning head-first slides result in an automatic out.

## **Fielding Rules**

1. The defensive team shall consist of ten players on the field, with four players in the outfield.

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## Majors Local Rules

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### **Recommended league ages: 10-12 year olds**

Minimum play rules are in effect in the Majors division. Each rostered player must participate in the game for a minimum of six defensive outs and bat at least once. If, within a game, due to time constraints or other circumstances, a player does not meet the requirements they will start the next scheduled game. The player then must play the missed minimum play from the last game as well as minimum play for the current game before they may be removed.

A Manager who violates minimum play shall be issued a written warning on the first violation, a suspension from their next game on the second violation, and suspension for the remainder of the season on a third violation.

Teams are responsible for the cleanup of the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### **General Rules:**

1. 60-foot base paths should be used for all games.
2. Major games shall be limited in time only by curfew. Any game that ends in a tie at curfew shall continue play from the point of curfew at the earliest opportunity per the Scheduler. If circumstances do not permit continued play the game may stand at the President and Scheduler's discretion.
3. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited.
4. The Home Team Manager and their assistants are responsible for all field care before each game and the visiting team is responsible for post-game care.
5. Home Team is the official book and must provide a scorekeeper to utilize Game Changer from a league issued iPad. If the home team is unable to provide a scorekeeper their Manager or Coach must leave the field of play and serve as score keeper. The home score keeper must sit behind the backstop and not in the stands. Visiting score keepers may also sit behind the backstop, but it is not required.
6. Intentional throwing of bats, helmets, gloves, or other equipment shall not be tolerated. Any player who intentionally throws equipment or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner towards other players or officials shall be benched for one inning and removed from the game on any subsequent misbehavior.
7. The Home team gets the cages for 30 minutes starting 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to game time. Visiting teams get the cages for 30 minutes 1 hour prior to game time. Teams playing on fields 1 or 2 use the top cages and teams on fields 3 and 4 get the lower cages.

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8. The ten-run rule shall be in effect during the regular season; at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> inning if a team trails by 10 then the game shall be over.
9. If a player arrives late to their game the Manager has no obligation to play them. However, once such player is entered into the game minimum play must be met.
10. If a player misses three consecutive games or practices the Manager must notify the Player Agent immediately. The Player Agent and President shall decide whether it is appropriate to release and replace the player or not. If the player is to be replaced the Player Agent shall choose from eligible AAA players who tried out for Majors and obtain consent from the parents of the child to move them up. If no eligible players are found the Player Agent may expand their search to all AAA players. Players will not be replaced in the final two weeks of play or during the post season.

## **Pitching Rules**

1. Players age 9-10 are limited to 75 pitches per day and players aged 11-12 are limited to 85 pitches per day. Rest is as follows: 1-20, 0 days; 21-35 1 day; 36-50 2 days; 51-65 3 days; 66+ 4 days.
2. If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit for the day while facing a batter the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is retired, or the third out is made.
3. Any player who delivers 20 or more pitches in a game may not play catcher for the remainder of the day. Any player who catches into the 4<sup>th</sup> inning may not pitch for the remainder of the day.
4. Players may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

## **Base Running**

1. Leading off is not allowed.
2. Stealing of bases is allowed, but the runner may only leave the base once the ball has reached the batter.
3. Runners may advance bases on overthrows to any base and home may be stolen.
4. Head first sliding is not allowed, except when a player is returning to a base. Non base-returning head-first slides result in an automatic out.