

T. Y. B. A. 3 & 4 YEAR OLD LEAGUE

NOTE: SITUATIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED, REFER TO T.Y.B.A. COACH-PITCH RULES.

1) THE FIELD

A) THE FIELD WILL BE THE SAME AS A STANDARD COACH PITCH FIELD WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:

1) THERE WILL BE A 10 FT. ARC DRAWN IN FRONT OF PLATE, WITH THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE BEING THE BACK OF THE PLATE.

B) IN ORDER FOR A BATTED BALL TO BE CALLED FAIR, IT MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A FAIR BALL AND TRAVEL PAST HE ARC LINE. ANY BALL THAT FAILS TO TRAVEL PAST THE ARC WILL BE CALLED A FOUL BALL.

2) BIRTH DATE

A) CANNOT BE FIVE (5) YEARS OLD BEFORE JANUARY 1.

3) TIME LIMIT

A) 1 HOUR

4) THE GAME

A) A GAME WILL CONSIST OF SIX INNINGS OR 1 HOUR WHICHEVER COMES FIRST

B) A CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER WILL BE USED

1) THE LINE-UP WILL LIST ALL PLAYERS PRESENT

A) IF A PLAYER OR PLAYERS ARRIVE LATE, THEY WILL BE ADDED AT THE BOTTOM OF LINE-UP

B) THE TEAM WITH THE MOST PLAYERS WILL BAT EVERYONE ON THEIR LINE-UP.

C) THE TEAM WITH THE FEWER NUMBER OF

PLAYERS WILL BAT THE SAME NUMBER OF PLAYERS AS THE OTHER TEAM.

D) IN THE SECOND AND CONSECUTIVE INNINGS, THE TEAM WITH FEWER BATTERS WILL RESUME WITH THE PLAYER WHO FOLLOWS THE LAST BATTER FROM THE PREVIOUS INNING.

2) ALL PLAYERS IN THE LINE-UP BAT IRREGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF OUTS.

3) ANY PLAYER NOT PRESENT WHEN IT IS THEIR TURN BAT WILL BE SKIPPED WITHOUT PENALTY. (i.e. potty break). HOWEVER, IF THEY RETURN WHILE THEIR TEAM IS BATTING, THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO BAT AS SOON AS THE PLAYER BATTING COMPLETES HIS TURN AT BAT.

4) A COACH WILL PITCH TO HIS PLAYERS EITHER OVERHAND OR UNDERHAND ON A LINE FROM HOME PLATE TO THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE. PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE UP TO SIX OPPORTUNITIES TO HIT (EITHER PITCHES FROM THE COACH OR SWINGS OFF THE TEE). THE COACH HAS THE OPTION TO PITCH TO THE PLAYER OR ALLOW THEM TO HIT OFF THE TEE. IF A PLAYER SWINGS AND MISSES OR SWINGS AND HITS THE BALL FOUL, OR THE PLAYER IS HITTING OFF THE TEE AND MISSES AND/OR HITS THE TEE, WILL CONSTITUTE AN OPPORTUNITY. AFTER THE PLAYER HAS RECEIVED SIX OPPORTUNITIES, AN OUT WILL BE CALLED AND THE NEXT BATTER IN THE LINE-UP WILL BECOME THE BATTER.

5) AN INNING WILL END WHEN ALL THE SCHEDULED BATTERS HAS COMPLETED THEIR TURN AT BAT.

5) DEFENSE

A) A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) PLAYERS WILL PLAY ON DEFENSE. HOWEVER, A TEAM WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF PLAYING ALL OF HIS PLAYERS ON DEFENSE. A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) PLAYERS ON THE INFIELD: PITCHER, FIRST BASEMAN, SECOND BASEMAN,

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**THIRD BASEMAN, AND SHORT STOP.
ALL OTHER PLAYERS WILL BE IN THE OUTFIELD,
PLAYING APPROXIMATELY 10 FT OR MORE BEHIND**

**BASE PATH. THE POSITION OF CATCHER IS OPTIONAL
AT THE COACHES DISCRETION.**

6) COACHES

- A) THE OFFENSE WILL HAVE THE COACH-PITCHER, FIRST
BASE COACH, THIRD BASE COACH, AND A COACH AT
SECOND BASE. THE SECOND BASE COACH MUST STAY
ON THE OUTFIELD SIDE OF THE BASE PATH AND CAN
ONLY ASSIST HIS PLAYERS VERBALLY. THE OTHER
OFFENSIVE COACHES WILL BE SUBJECT TO NORMAL
COACH-PITCH RULES.**
- B) ANY THROWN BALL HITTING AN OFFENSIVE COACH
THE BALL WILL BE DECLARED DEAD BALL, AND THE
AWARDED FIRST BASE OR THE LAST BASE ATTAINED
AND OTHER RUNNERS WILL BE POSITIONED
ACCORDINLY. IF THE BALL HITS A DEFENSIVE COACH
THE UMPIRE HAS THE OPTION OF DEAD BALL OR
ALLOW PLAY TOI CONTINUE.**
- C) THE DEFENSIVE TEAM MAY HAVE 3 COACHES IN THE
OUTFIELD TO ASSIST HIS TEAM VERBALLY.**

**T.Y.B.A. WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THESE GAMES
ARE ONLY FOR INSTRUCTION. WE WOULD LIKE FOR THIS TO
BE AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THE PLAYERS. AN
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE BASICS OF BASEBALL, AND GET
AN APPRECIATION FOR THE GAME.**