

East Fullerton Little League



Orange County, CA
District 56

T-Ball and Rookie
2012 LOCAL RULES

LOCAL RULES (all divisions)

**(Unless otherwise stated within the following local rules pages,
all Little League Green Book Rules are to be followed)**

1. Coach Positions: Unless specified otherwise in the division rules below, coaches must remain in the playing area. Players may not be coached from outside the playing area.
2. All Adults having regular contact with players must submit a volunteer application and be fingerprinted. This includes adults participating in practices and as team chaperones.
3. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout.
4. In all divisions – with two outs, the offensive team may pinch-run for a runner who will be catcher in the next half-inning. The pinch-runner must be the offensive player responsible for the second out of that inning. This rule may be used throughout the game.

ROOKIE DIVISION LOCAL RULES

1. No new inning is to begin after one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) from the scheduled start and there is a one hour and thirty minute (1:30) time limit to all games. In addition there is a 6-inning limit.
2. No score is kept. While you may wish to keep records for your own purpose remember that Rookie is noncompetitive and the primary focus of Rookie is to teach the children the fundamentals and rules of the game.
3. The inning is over when the 5th run crosses home plate or three outs are made.
4. **All outs must be enforced.** Once a player has been called out, the player must leave the base and return to the dugout.

Defensive Rules:

5. The infield positions are as follows:

1B: First Base

S2: Short Second (Eliminated the second Half of the season)

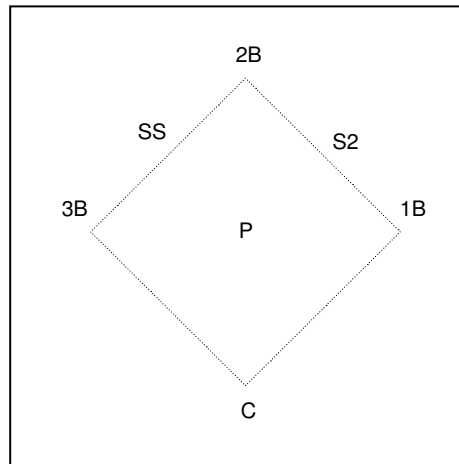
2B: Second Base (Moves to the S2 position at the second half)

SS: Short Stop

3B: Third Base

P: Pitcher

C: Catcher (in full gear)



6. The pitcher must be on the mound and the catcher behind the plate when the ball is put into play. All other infielders must be positioned behind the baseline when the ball is put into play (no "picket fences"). The diagram shows the locations that the players should be when the ball is put into play.
7. The pitcher may not race a base runner to any base and may not race to tag a base runner out. The pitcher must throw the ball otherwise the base runner is ruled safe. All other players may tag a base runner out.
8. All remaining players are spread out in the outfield. No player sits on the bench. On fields with a dirt infield, all outfielders must play on the outfield grass in fair territory. On fields with no dirt infield, the outfielders must play 15 feet into the outfield from the baselines.
9. In the 1st half of the season three (3) defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield. Between plays, coaches may move to the infield to instruct players. In the 2nd half of the season the number of coaches in the outfield is reduced to two (2).
10. Players must play a minimum of 2 innings in an infield position and cannot play more than 2 innings at the same position.

Offensive Rules:

11. One adult third-base coach and one adult first-base coach are allowed. A coach at home plate assisting the hitter and removing the tee is also allowed. An offensive coach is allowed on the field to pitch to his/her players. This coach must be off the field when the player is hitting from the tee.
12. The ball remains live if it hits a coach on the field. However, if an offensive coach intentionally interferes with the ball an out will be recorded and all runners will not advance. If a defensive coach intentionally interferes with a ball the batter will be awarded first base and all base runners will advance a base. If the ball hits a base runner the ball remains live and the base runner is not out.
13. Four pitches from a coach. The ball must travel beyond the arc to be a fair ball. If a player does not get a hit after four pitches then the child has three attempts from off the tee. If the player does not get a hit off of the tee the player is out. This will be Coach Pitch only. Player pitch is not allowed. **The tee can be used all season.**
14. Players may advance 2 bases on a hit if that ball goes past the outfielder; runners may not advance on any overthrows.
15. Home Run Hitter: There may be a defensive play made at any base (except for home plate) on the "home run hitter" but the batter/runner may continue to run the bases to home plate. The catcher shall be removed from the home plate area and no other fielder shall be allowed to make a defensive play at home plate on the final batter of the inning.

T-BALL DIVISION LOCAL RULES

General Rules:

1. No new inning is to begin after one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) from the scheduled start and there is a one hour and thirty minute (1:30) time limit to all games. In addition there is a 6-inning limit.
2. No score is kept. While you may wish to keep records for your own purpose remember that T-ball is noncompetitive and the primary focus of T-ball is to teach the children the fundamentals and rules of the game.
3. The inning is over when the 5th run crosses home plate or three outs are made.
4. **All outs must be enforced the entire season.** Once a player has been called out, the player must leave the base and return to the dugout.

Defensive Rules:

5. The infield positions are as follows:

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S2: Short Second

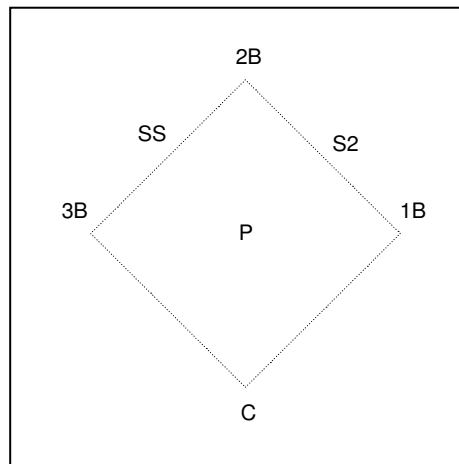
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8. All remaining players are spread out in the outfield. No player sits on the bench.
9. Three defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield. Between plays, coaches may move to the infield to instruct players.

Offensive Rules:

10. One adult third-base coach and one adult first-base coach are allowed. A coach at home plate assisting the hitter and removing the tee is also allowed. In the second half of the season an offensive coach is allowed on the field to pitch to his/her players. This coach must be off the field when the player is hitting from the tee. The home plate coach must remove the tee from home plate whenever the ball is put into play.
11. The ball remains live if it hits a coach on the field. However, if an offensive coach intentionally interferes with the ball and out will be recorded and all runners will not advance. If a defensive coach intentionally interferes with a ball the batter will be awarded first base and all base runners will advance a base. If the ball hits a base runner the ball remains live and the base runner is not out.
12. Players advance 1 base per hit.
13. For the first half of the season:

Four swings off the tee. The ball must travel beyond the arc to be a fair ball. If a player does not get a hit after four swings, use your best judgement whether to award the player first base or allow another swing. There are no strikeouts in the first half of the season
14. For the second half of the season:

Each player will receive four (4) pitches from a coach. Any ball hit in fair territory, even if it does not travel beyond the arc, is a live ball.

If a fair ball is not hit during the coach pitch then the child has three attempts from off the tee. In this case the ball must travel beyond the arc to be ruled a hit.

If a player does not get a hit off the tee the player is out.
16. Home Run Hitter: There may be a defensive play made at any base (except for home plate) on the "home run hitter" but the batter/runner may continue to run the bases to home plate. The catcher shall be removed from the home plate area and no other fielder shall be allowed to make a defensive play at home plate on the final batter of the inning.