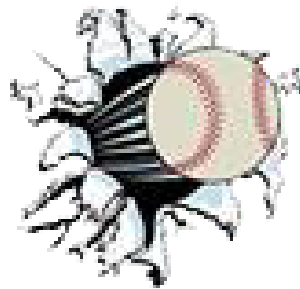




## **Ground Rules**

### **Tee Ball Division**



# LAMAR LITTLE LEAGUE

## TEE BALL DIVISION GROUND RULES

**Tee Ball is purely an instructional league and will play under the following guidelines:**

1. Teams will use continuous batting order. Each half inning, all offensive players will bat. After this has occurred, the teams will switch and the defensive team will take their time at bat. The batting order will begin with the #1 batter and end with the last batter. At the next at bat, the batting order reverses giving the last batter the first at bat in that inning.
2. League provided Tee Balls will be used
3. In the event three (3) outs occur prior to the team getting to bat the full lineup, the bases will be emptied, and the same team continues to bat. The players will get the idea that outs have occurred, and they do mean something.
4. All players on each team should bat at least twice and possibly more if time allows. The official game time is one hour. Some latitude should be allowed, if necessary, to give every player the chance to bat twice.
5. The play is considered dead or over when the lead runner has stopped at a base or the ball has reached the pitcher's circle or crossed the pitcher's circle, but the ball does not have to be controlled by the pitcher. All runners that reached a halfway mark will be allowed to obtain the next base if that base is empty. If the ball is live and a play is made on a runner who has reached the halfway mark, the runner is at risk of being put out. (The first and third base coaches also are umpires as well as coaching the batter.)
6. The coach or manager can position the tee and batter as long as the tee remains in contact with home plate. If a batter requires assistance to put the ball in play, the coach or manager may assist the batter after the batter has attempted several swings.
7. Each team will keep their batting order. No score book will be used since no standings or official score is kept for this division.
8. A base runner cannot steal or lead off a base. A base runner may not leave the base until the ball is hit. There is no advancing on overthrows.
9. All players on a roster are played in the field defensively. The infield consists of a pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman and shortstop. The remaining players

are positioned in the outfield as described in number 11 below. Each player may only play a maximum of 2 innings at each position during each game. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield by the end of the fourth inning.

10. Defensively, the pitcher cannot make an unassisted put-out at first base but must throw the ball to the first baseman. The pitcher can, however, make plays unassisted at any other base including home. 10. Infielders may not play in front of an imaginary line extending from first base to third base until the ball has been put into play.
11. Outfielders must play at least six (6) feet behind the base lines at all times unless assisting on a play. They cannot interfere with the base runners.
12. Defensively, each team is allowed to have two coaches on the field but they should remain in the outfield while the ball is in play. All competition is to be conducted under the latest version of the Official Little League Rules. Refer to the Minor League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. The following are Lamar Little League local rules for this division. They are intended only as additions to the official Little League rules.
13. No umpires will be provided. It will be the responsibility of each team to provide an umpire OR if both coaches agree, the base coaches may serve as umpires.
14. **BOTH teams are responsible for field maintenance.** Both teams should assist in setting up the fields for play (getting bases, tee, rakes, chalking the field, etc.) and raking after each game. Teams playing the last game of the day should return all equipment and rakes to the shed. **DO NOT** leave rakes on top of the dugouts.
15. **BOTH teams are responsible for the cleanliness of the dugout and the field.** No food, gum, or carbonated drinks are allowed in the dugouts. Only non-carbonated drinks are allowed in the dugout.
16. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their coaches, players and parents before, during and after the game.
17. Smoking is not allowed at Lamar Little League including by the dugouts, grandstands, or field fence lines. In addition, alcohol is not allowed in the park and will be enforced by the Richmond Police.
18. **All Managers, Coaches, Volunteers and/or hired workers who have repetitive access to, or contact with, players, teams or league activities must have annually completed and submitted to the President a Little League Volunteer Application prior to the applicant assuming his/her duties. The Little League Volunteer Application is located on the Lamar Little League website.**

19. For rain out information, call 281-723-6662 or check the web site. Rain out games will be rescheduled by the league VP.

20. **MANAGER AND FAN CONDUCT DURING THE GAME:** The following ground rules are in effect and will be enforced at all times. Managers and coaches are expected to fulfill those duties with objective integrity.<sup>i</sup>

- a.) Any manager or coach guilty of swearing at a junior umpire (or any umpire) or otherwise using inappropriate language during the course of a game results in automatic ejection and a suspension from the team's next game. The second such offense will result in a three game suspension. If it happens a third time, that manager is indefinitely banned from managing or coaching at Lamar Little League ever again. The umpire is always deserving of respect and his decision is always final.
- b.) Any sort of physical altercation or inappropriate contact between two participants, be they managers, coaches, spectators, players or anyone else, both during and before and after a game, will result in an automatic two game suspension. The penalty for a second such offense is an indefinite ban from participating in future baseball activities at Lamar Little League.
- c.) All participants are required at all times to immediately follow the instructions of any board member who is present.

Umpires (or parents/coaches participating as umpires) are instructed to report inappropriate behavior to the Umpire in Chief and the Division VP and sanctions can be levied after the fact and the board of directors reserves the right to levy similar sanctions against spectators and other participants if appropriate.

## Revisions

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<sup>i</sup> 2019 – Rule #25 – added “Manager and Fan conduct during the game” section. Reason: section provided for added clarity of expectations and consequences for conduct unbecoming of a manager, coach, or parent.