

ORANGE YOUTH SPORTS TEE BALL LEAGUE RULES

This league has been designed for children in grades Pre-K- 1st Grade. Because official baseball rules are too stringent and complicated for this age level, we have devised the following adjusted rules of play. We have tried to keep them as simple as possible while covering the most common situations. **HAVE FUN!**

PLAYING FIELD:

1. Distance between the bases will be 60 feet.

EQUIPMENT:

1. One-piece metal bats will be the only bats permitted.
2. Rubber-soled or rubber cleated baseball shoes will be permitted. Tennis shoes are also acceptable
3. Batters, on-deck hitters and baserunners must wear protective headgear at all times.

PLAYING RULES:

1. The games shall be 3 innings in length. All games shall begin at 10:00 a.m.
2. The pitcher position will be 35 feet from home plate and should be marked accordingly by a coach when they arrive at the field.
3. All players will play in the field at one time. Fill every infielder position and then position the rest in the outfield accordingly.
4. Defensive player positions shall be rotated every inning.
5. The entire batting order will take a turn at bat in every inning. No batter may hit more than one time in one inning. No score is kept.
6. The coach for the team on defense should stand behind 2nd base. The coach for the team at bat will be positioned at home plate.
7. Runner cannot advance on any overthrow. The ball is automatically dead on an overthrow. Try to teach the kids to make the proper play. On any hit, however, the runners go as far as they can before the ball is retrieved and returned to the infield.
8. A runner, not more than half way to the next base, must return to the last touched base, when the ball becomes dead.
9. The batting tee must be used during the first 2 weeks of the season. After the 2 weeks, if a coach feels a kid does not need the tee he may pitch to him or her. After 3 pitches, the tee must be used. **THIS IS MANDATORY.**

CONDUCT:

1. **PROFANE LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Coaches will be expected to adhere to the NYSCA coaches code of ethics. Anyone displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be asked to leave the game and the playing fields. Further outbursts or incidents may result in removal from the program.
2. If a manager is ejected from the game, the game continues with an interim manager. The ejected manager must leave the playing field. Managers who are ejected from a game will be subject to a review by the League Director. If the situation is severe, and causes an undo risk to the safety and well-being of the children under his/her guidance, that manager may be subject to suspension from the league and relieved of his/her duties.
3. Chatter will be limited to **POSITIVE CHATTER** for your own team members only. No chatter that is derogatory in nature will be allowed. The catcher may not distract the batter at any time (i.e. No "Hey batter-batter swing!").
4. Use of tobacco products and alcohol at the playing fields is strictly forbidden. Use of these products serves no purpose in Youth Sports environment. All managers and coaches will be expected to enforce this rule.
5. Dogs are not permitted on school property. Please tell your players and their families to keep pets at home.