

First Baptist Church T-Ball League Rules

This is an instructional league. The intention of this league is to teach and prepare young players for the sport of baseball. Some rules may not be in direct observance of rules of the sport. It is with all intent to provide opportunity to develop each participant through experience, teaching, and encouragement. Because this is instructional, scores, winning/losing, and competitiveness are not emphasized.

1. Game time will be 1 hour or four innings, whichever comes first.
2. The Home team (team listed first on quickscores) will lead the pregame devotion, 3-5 minutes in length.
3. Base distance will be 50 feet.
4. The coach can tell the runner when to run.
5. Two defensive coaches will be allowed on the field.
6. Three offensive coaches are allowed: two in coach's boxes and one helping the batter.
7. All players on defense must begin behind diagonal line in normal baseball positions until ball is hit. The only exception is the catcher. The six infield positions are filled, and then all others are placed in the outfield. Please do not line players up along the line of demarcation.
8. Defensive players must not play in the baseline.
9. All players present shall bat each inning. Number of runs and number of outs will not be kept. It is the coach's responsibility to keep up with the order and inform the other team when last batter is up.
10. The "T" will be placed directly behind home plate.
11. There will be no strikeouts. The batter must hit a fair ball, which is any ball hit inside the foul lines and beyond the 10' arc (use discretion)
12. Any player who slings his bat will be warned the first time; the next time he will be called out.
13. Runner on base cannot leave until the ball is hit.
14. To stop play the defense must throw or carry the ball across the diagonal line from first to third. The runners must stop at that time. If a runner has passed more than half way to a base he will be awarded that base. Otherwise he will return to the last base safely reached. "Time" will also be called when the ball goes out of bounds, a line parallel to the foul lines even with sides of the backstop, or when the ball is held and runners are not advancing.
15. If a player is deemed out at any juncture of the play, he/she must leave the base and return to the dugout.
16. The batter, and baserunner, on-deck batter and the catcher (can wear a batting helmet) must wear a protective helmet.