

2006 Lakota Sports Organization
T-Ball Rules

1. Bases will be 50 feet
2. Tball represents the introduction level of fastpitch softball. We are concentrating on hitting and fielding. By using the tee, we will be allowing the players to get use to hitting, running and fielding.
3. As of June, we will introduce coaches pitch to the players. We will have a 3 pitch count (excluding fouls). Then we will allow the players to have a maximum of 3 soft tosses or tee will be used.
(The key is that a coach not get carried away and throw pitches trying to get them to hit...players get more embarrassed by swinging and missing then hitting soft-toss or off the tee and it also slows play down.)
4. Runners may advance one extra base when the ball reaches to outfield grass. This can either be a fly or ground ball.
5. If the ball hits any part of the bat, it is considered a "hit" unless the ball did not travel beyond a 4 feet arc in front of the plate.
6. There is no stealing at the tball level.
7. There will be no bunting at the tball level.
8. No walks or hit batter will be awarded at the tball level.
9. The defense can employ three defensive coaches in the outfield during play.
10. Have your team ready to play and to take the field within 15 minutes of the end of the prior game on that field.
11. We have one-hour and 15 minute time limit for games. Our goal is to play at least 3 innings per game.
12. This age bracket will use a BATTER LIMIT per inning. When all players have batted, the inning for that team is over. When the last batter comes to the plate, it must be announced. The last batter will NOT do continuous running. Please play the last batter the same as the first.
13. There will be 10 defensive players on the field. Four outfielders, and 4 infielders with a pitcher and catcher. All outfielders should be positioned at the end of the infield and the beginning of the outfield grass.
14. We will be using a 11" soft core ball.
15. All on deck batters MUST wear a helmet. All children (players or non-players) retrieving helmets, bats, balls, etc. from the field of play must also wear a helmet.
16. MUST PLAY RULE. Every player who is present for a game MUST PLAY AT LEAST 2 INNINGS OF DEFENSE.
17. Scoring is not a factor at this age. Safety and fun is necessary at this level in order to keep players interested and learning the game.

18. Any coaches, spectators or parents that are showing unsportsmanlike behaviors will be asked to leave the area. Repeated offenses will be subject to additional discipline by the LSO Softball committee.