

MINOR LEAGUE T-BALL LEAGUE 5 AND 6 YEAR OLD SOFT T-BALL LEAGUE

AVON JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

League Organization

T-Ball League Baseball

- The following rules have been approved by the AJAA Board of Directors. Any changes to these rules must be approved by same
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League Goals

The goal of the AJAA T-Ball is:

- For everyone involved to have a good experience, start learning softball, HAVE FUN!

League Overview

- This is an INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE, score is not kept, all children should be considered WINNERS!
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Official Rules

- Unless otherwise specified, the “ASA Official Slow Pitch Softball Rule Book” is the governing force.

Changes

ANY CHANGES TO THESE RULES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AJAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Batting

- Every child must wear a helmet while batting and running the bases.
- Every child bats every inning (Except as noted below).
- Batting order should change every inning.
- Thrown bats will not be tolerated. The batter will be warned and re-instructed. If a batter continues to throw the bat after warning, he will be called out and returned to the bench.
- All batters should receive 6 coach pitched balls. If the batter does not hit a ball fair, then after the 6th pitch, the batting T should be placed on home plate for the batter to hit.

Home Team

- Shall use the 3rd base bench or dugout.
- Shall provide the game ball.
- Shall be responsible for pre-game field preparation and post game cleanup, securing of equipment (tee's, helmets, bats, balls).
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Visiting Team

Shall use the 1st base bench or dugout

Fielding

Every child plays the field every inning. Positions should be rotated to expose each child to multiple positions. Catcher position is filled by coaches or an adult.

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Base Running

- There are no leadoffs, steals or bunting.
- The infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- Players should advance one base only per hit. **EXCEPTION:** If a fly ball is hit into the outfield, (without landing in the infield first) runners may advance bases until the ball is returned to the infield. It is permissible when the last batter each inning hits to continue running to “clear” the bases.
- Batters/runners will not be called out unless **OBVIOUSLY** out at any base. If three innings of play are completed before the time allowed, additional innings may be played.

Field Decorum

Code of Conduct

- **Any abusive, obscene language or un-sportsmanlike conduct by coaches, players, spectators or parents will not be tolerated and the umpire has the authority to handle such situations in the customary manner (i.e. a warning, removal from game, removal from AJAA property).** (It is suggested a board member or AJAA officer be consulted if deemed appropriate.)

Sportsmanship Expectations

- Coaches are not only responsible for their own conduct, but also for the conduct of their players and fans as well. All coaches are expected to set a positive example for their teams.

Please take particular notice of the following sportsmanship expectations:

1. There shall be no jeering, distractions involving players, whether in the dugout or in the field.
2. No abusive, profane, or obscene language will be tolerated on the part of anyone.
3. Anyone ridiculing a player or volunteer will be asked to leave the field immediately.
4. No smoking in the dugout or on the playing field by anyone.
5. No foreign objects shall be thrown onto the field.
6. All decisions of the umpires are final and shall be accepted with restraint and grace. Please, do not question judgment calls. The umpires calling the games are all volunteers.

Contesting Calls

- Only the coach or acting coach can contest a call made during a game.
- **Judgment calls cannot be contested.**
- Discussions over discrepancies in the application of these rules should be calmly discussed between the coaches with mutual respect.

Coaches

- Coaches are expected to be on the field instructing during offense and defense.
- Coaches will act as game umpires.

Conduct

- All players must remain on player’s bench when not engaged in the game.

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Playing Field The diamond for this league will have 55 feet base lines. The pitching distance will be 35 feet.

Equipment

- Ball - A “limited flight” ball will be used
- Bats - Tee ball bats either aluminum or wood may be used.

Games Duration

- Generally the games shall last 3 innings or one (1) hour.

Number of Games The number of games in the AJAA league may vary due to the number of teams organized in the league. The maximum number of games that may be scheduled is fourteen (14).

Postponed Games A game shall be postponed due to inclement weather or unfavorable field conditions. Games may be rescheduled through the league coordinator. The home team is responsible for calling the league coordinator when games are postponed

Lightning Play will be suspended and the fields will be cleared immediately if lightning is detected. For further clarification, refer to AJAA Lightning Policy.