



2023 - Plover Whiting Youth Athletics T-Ball League Rules

1. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Participation and fun are to be stressed and encouraged.
2. No throwing of the bat. A thrown bat results in an immediate out. A reasonable radius will be used to determine this. One team warning will be issued to each team. The batting team's coach is responsible for enforcement of this rule.
3. A fair ball is a ball hit between the 3rd and 1st base lines and beyond a constructed arc from the 3rd to 1st base lines at a distance equal to the pitching mound (20 feet). Fielders must remain behind the base lines until the ball is hit. A ball hit foul which is caught in the air will be counted as an out. Basepath length will be 45 feet between all bases for the 5/6 year old league.
4. All team players will play the field on defense, with a pitcher, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd baseman and shortstop stationed in their regular positions. The remaining defensive players will be positioned evenly in the outfield but no extra infielders may be used. The fielding positions must rotate (at least) every two innings - all the players from the five infield positions moving to the outfield and five players from the outfield assuming infield positions. The only possible exception to this rule would be if the defensive team was playing with less than 10 players. Fielders playing more than 2 innings at infield positions must rotate within the infield. No player may play more than 2 innings at any infield position during the course of a game. During the course of the regular season, every player must be provided a chance to play at every position on defense.
5. Catchers will not be used in the 5/6 T-Ball league program. The team that is batting must furnish an adult catcher. In the Coaches Pitch program catchers are used.
6. **For the 5/6 year old league the team batting will run their batting order in a consecutive and continuous fashion. Every player must bat every time through the order.**
7. A maximum of 2 bases per batted ball will be allowed during any at bat. This includes any overthrows or misplays during the play. Base runners are also limited to advancing a maximum of 2 bases per play.
8. 5/6 year olds will hit from the batting tee all season; with no exceptions.
9. The coach (or adults) of the team in the field will umpire the bases.
10. Base runners will not be allowed to lead off and there will be no stealing bases. One base will be given on an overthrow on a batted ball.
11. No sliding is allowed.

12. The time of the game is one hour. No new inning will start after one hour.
13. 5/6 league will use #1 Flexi-Ball (or equivalent). No hardballs will be used in 5/6 league.
14. It is mandatory that each player be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian for the entire game or practice session.
15. Active participation by parents during practice and games is highly encouraged.
16. Players are required to wear their team shirt and hat to each game. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
17. The home team is responsible for putting out and picking up the equipment involved in the game. For doubleheaders, the home team of the first game will put out the equipment and the home team of the second game will put it away.
18. Coaches are responsible for the attitudes and sportsmanship displayed by their teams and should lead by example. No alcohol or tobacco products shall be used on the field or sidelines by the coaches during play.
19. No set of rules can completely cover each or every situation that may occur in a game or during the course of a season. Coaches are expected to meet any unexpected situation that may arise with common sense and mutual cooperation for the good of the players and the program in mind T-ball league is for the players, not the coaches. Please remember this at all times.
20. Players may wear plastic-rubber cleated shoes or tennis shoes.
21. Any time lightning is seen the game shall be terminated. No exceptions.
22. In the event any PWYA Coach is ejected from any game at any venue he/she must report the incident to their Over All Coordinator within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of coaching privileges.

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