

RULES FOR DYBA T-BALL (FINAL YEAR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN)

1. HAVE FUN!! This is a non-competitive league solely for the enjoyment of the players. The purpose is for the players to have fun while learning how to play the game. No score will be kept.
2. Children are eligible to play T-Ball during the Spring Season (which runs from early April to early June) if they are either: (a) currently enrolled in their final year of pre-school (those children starting Kindergarten in the fall); or (b) currently enrolled in Kindergarten. **Pre-K and Kindergarten are separate leagues.**
3. Children are eligible to play T-Ball during the Summer Season (which runs from late June to early August) if they are either: (a) starting their final year of pre-school in the fall; or (b) starting Kindergarten in the fall.
4. All players will wear gym shoes or rubber cleats. No jewelry is permitted.
5. Each “game” will last 60 minutes and will be comprised a 15 minute warm-up session followed by a 45 minute game.
6. The side will be out when the entire roster has batted, regardless of the number of outs recorded.
7. The batter will hit the ball off the tee. In Pre-K t-ball, coach pitching is not allowed under any circumstances. Each batter will be allowed one practice swing. The player will be allowed to bat until he hits the ball. If the bat strikes the tee, it is a foul ball. **In Kindergarten t-ball, midway through the season, on a date to be determined by the t-ball league president, coach pitch will be implemented. Each player will get to face 3 pitches. If the player does not put the ball in play in those 3 pitches, then after those 3 pitches, the t comes back out.**
8. Defensively, ONLY infield positions are to be used with the exception of first base (i.e., no outfield positions are to be used). The short-center position may also be used at the Coach’s discretion. All players not playing infield positions during an inning are to be with Coaches in the outfield and otherwise out of the area of play for additional practice and drill time. If there are not enough infield players, the Coach can determine which defensive position is left vacant.
9. Only a Coach or other adult is allowed to play the first base position – no exceptions. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Coaches, the first base position is to be played by a Coach or other adult from the hitting (offensive) team.
10. No player may play the same position more than twice in the same game. Time permitting, all players must spend an equal number of innings playing in the infield and practicing in the outfield per game.
11. Infielders are to play outside of the base path.
12. The offensive team will have a Coach to line up the tee and assist the players coming to bat. Once the ball is hit, the Coach shall remove the tee from the plate area. The manager may place first and third base coaches to aid the runners.

13. The defensive team will be allowed to have Coaches in the field, but they are not to interfere with play.
14. There is **only** “station to station” running. Hitters and runners may advance more than one base on hits beyond the infield. Base runners must hold their bases until the ball is batted. No base runner may advance on an overthrow.
15. The “Infield Fly Rule” shall not apply.
16. A batted ball hitting a Coach so that the player cannot attempt to field the ball will be declared dead. The batter will be awarded first base, and all other base runners will advance one base, if forced. A thrown ball caught or interfered with by a Coach while in play will be declared dead. Base awards will be made according to the rules governing play.
17. The offensive team will be warned when a batter throws his or her bat carelessly when running to first base. On the second occasion by the same team, the batter will be declared out.
18. Coaches will umpire. The Coach, either offensive or defensive, nearest to the play will make the call. There will be no arguments over any call.
19. At the conclusion of the game, each team will give a cheer for the other team. Team members and coaches will then line-up and shake hands with the opposing team.
20. In the event of inclement weather, managers will determine whether teams play and will notify their team members accordingly. If opposing managers agree, a make-up may be scheduled accordingly. Make-ups can also be scheduled during scheduled practices, if desired.
21. HAVE FUN!!!