

Manchaca

Fun Ball

Purpose

To expose children to the game of baseball/softball in a fun filled environment, without any pressure of winning and losing. To teach the basic fundamentals of throwing, catching, hitting, and base running.

Rules

1. Fun Ball is for 3-4-year-old only
2. Teams will consist of 6 to 8 players per team.
3. Coaches and parents are required to be on the field to assist their child as needed.
4. Game will start at schedule time and last for 40 minutes or 3 complete innings.
5. This is a developmental league for fun and family involvement, so no scores or standings will be kept.
6. Since no scores or standings are kept, there will be no official scoreboard.
7. There are NO OUTS and every player gets to bat.
8. Runners will advance one base at a time.
9. The last batter will run around all the bases to home plate.

The Game

1. Fields are set up with a Batting Tee being placed on home plate, throw down soft bases for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. 10 feet in front of the tee is a line marker that identifies a fair ball. Base paths are 45' feet
2. MOYSC will provide following equipment:
 - a. Batting Tee
 - b. Foam Bat
 - c. 8 Foam Balls
 - d. Throw Down Soft Bases
3. Since ball and bat are foam, gloves and batting helmets are not required.
4. Fun Ball is played with two teams. The defensive players take position 35 feet from the blast tee in the pitching area. A foam ball is placed on the batting tee and the batter hits the ball and runs to first base.
5. The visiting team will bat first, and the home team will take defensive positions first.
6. Every player on offense takes a turn to hit and run the bases, one base at a time. The last batter will run around all the bases to home plate.
7. One coach helps at the tee and to place ball on the tee. The other offense coach acts as the first base coach to encourage the batter to run to the base. Another coach or parents need to assist in the team's area to keep players away from playing field while waiting their turn to bat.
8. Defensive players will start from the pitching circle 35 feet from the tee. Defensive players will take position one player at a time and will rotate in with each new batter. Encourage kids to tag runners or throw to the appropriate base. No one will be called out or safe.
9. Keep the games flowing by encouraging the kids to hustle around the bases and cheering them on. In the team's area, have the next batter ready.
10. Keep the game FUN!!!