



2022 LEGENDS

TBALL RULES OF PLAY

General Evolution Softball Rules

In general, BAL players should have the opportunity to play multiple positions in order to learn to play and enjoy the games.

No player shall play the same position for more than two innings per game.

Players should not sit more than one innings in a row unless the player is injured or sick.

All players must wear a helmet with a facemask while batting at practices, in warm-ups, in batting cages, while in the on-deck circle, and while on base.

Equipment provided for each team is the responsibility of the coach and should be returned at the end of the season. A maximum of three coaches will be allowed in the dugout during the game; only two coaches are allowed on the field during a game.

Game Cancellations/Postponements

Game cancellations/postponements are the responsibility of the Field Crews and the Schedule Director. Coaches may not reschedule games on their own. Coaches who know they cannot field a team should contact the Schedule Director no later than 72 hours prior to the scheduled game time. Games will only be rescheduled for valid reasons approved by BAL such as important school functions or other emergency circumstances and only if time permits to reschedule the game.

A final call will be made at 4pm on which fields, if any, are playable. Field status can be found on the home page of the BAL site. Field status is updated as quickly as we can.

4/5 & Under Division – Tee Ball

This division is for players ages 4 through 5. They play on a smaller field with a base length of 50 ft. A reduced injury factor (RIF) ball is used. This is a developmental league, and no scores are kept. Coaches should teach fundamentals, rules, and object of the game.

Team

All players play positions on the field with no player sitting on the bench. There should be no more than 6 players on the infield, and the remaining players should be evenly spaced beyond the base path. A team needs 6 players to field a team; they may borrow players from the opposing team to complete the infield. Borrowed players will still bat for their own team.

- When on defense, up to 2 coaches may be on the field to help their players with instructions. Coaches may not be in base paths or touch any player or ball.

The Game

Each team will bat their full lineup every inning for two (3) innings or 60 minutes. Focus on instruction and fun.

Umpires

None

Pitching

A player will be placed at the pitching position on the field for defensive purposes. The pitcher must remain in the pitching circle while the coach is pitching.

Batting

All batters will hit off the tee only. The batter's coach should assist in placing the ball on the tee and helping the batter get positioned correctly. Once the ball is placed, the coach should move behind home plate. All players will bat each inning in designated order determined at the beginning of the game. In front of home plate there is a half-circle that the ball must pass to be fair (the ball must go 3 ft.).

- Outs will be enforced to award good defensive skills, but all players bat each inning no matter the number of outs.
- Runners cannot advance on an overthrow. The runner may advance one base per ball in play