



2025 RULES FOR DYBA T-BALL (FINAL YEAR PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN)

Please note that if there is any conflict between this document and any other DYBA Handbooks or document, the league-specific rules in this document will supersede all other documents.

Reminder, it's recommended that coaches convene prior to all games to confirm key rules and alignment (pitch count, position rotations, fair play, # of innings, etc.).

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 first eligible to play T-Ball during the Spring (which runs from early April to early June) and Summer (which runs from late June to early August) Seasons 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.
3. Children are eligible to play T-Ball during the Fall Season (which runs from September to October) if they are either: (a) starting their final year of pre-school in the fall; or (b) starting Kindergarten in the fall.
4. If possible, Pre-K and Kindergarten leagues will be separate, subject to registration of players and volunteer coaches.
5. All players will wear gym shoes or rubber cleats. No jewelry is permitted.
6. Each "game" will last 60 minutes and will comprise a 15 minute warm-up session followed by a 45 minute game.
7. The side will be out when the entire roster has batted, regardless of the number of outs recorded.
8. The batter will hit the ball off the tee. The player will be allowed to bat until he hits the ball. If the bat strikes the tee, it is a foul ball. In Pre-K t-ball, coach pitching is not allowed. In the Summer season (as players are transitioning to the next level), limited coach pitch may be implemented at the discretion of the coaches. However, no more than 6 pitches may be

thrown to a batter. In Kindergarten t-ball, at the coaches' discretion for their own team, coach pitch will be implemented. Prior to the game, coaches should agree to a number of pitches that each player will face prior to bringing out the tee and communicate that number to the players. No more than 6 pitches. If the batter does not get a hit at that point, the tee should be brought out.

9. The short-center position may be used at the Coach's discretion. At the coaches' discretion players not playing infield positions during an inning can 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 or consult with the other coach about getting a substitute from the other 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 not to play in the base path of runners.
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. Hitters and runners may only advance one base at a time. Base runners must hold their bases until the ball is batted. No base runner may advance on an overthrow. Last batter of the inning is the home run hitter who runs all the bases.
15. The "Infield Fly Rule" shall not apply.
16. Coaches should make every attempt to avoid coming into contact with the balls when standing in the field unless it is a safety concern.
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 such as a foul ball. There will be no arguments over any call.
19. At the conclusion of the game, each team will cheer for the other 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. The league is intended to be fun for all participants (both players, coaches, and family members) at all skill levels. Spectators are expected to be respectful towards all participants.

Any inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior includes physical or verbal abuse and any offensive or derogatory comments regarding participants. Should any spectator or participant exhibit inappropriate behavior, participants should alert the coach. Any coach may warn spectator parents. If, after 1 warning, there is another instance of inappropriate behavior, coaches may ask the spectator to be removed. Coaches are required to report it to the league. In multiple instances, the league will have the discretion to ban spectators from attendance and/or remove the child from the league.

22. HAVE FUN!!!