

# Longwood Babe Ruth League – T-Ball Division

## Revised (1/21/2024)

### 1. Home Team and Visiting Team Responsibility

- The home team, as per the official league schedule, is responsible for supplying one new baseball providing an Official Scorekeeper for record-keeping purposes.

### 2. Game Time:

- The regulation game is six innings.
- No more than six innings will ever be played, regardless of the score.
- No inning will start after one hour and thirty minutes has elapsed from the official start time.

### 3. Standings

- Team standings are not maintained in this division.

### 4. Batting

- Each batter will be allowed to swing at the ball until they hit a ball in fair territory or have three strikes at the ball or four (4) foul balls after the batter reaches 2 strikes.
- A strike shall be called if the batter: a. Completely misses the ball and tee b. Misses the ball but hits the tee c. Hits the ball foul and has less than 2 strikes
- A foul shall be called if the ball: a. Is hit into foul territory b. Does not reach the 25' line AND is not fielded by a defensive player before the umpire calls foul, declaring the ball dead.
- All roster players present for the game will be placed in the batting order.
- Bunting, base stealing, and leading off are not permitted.
- An inning is over when 3 outs are made or six (6) runs have scored.
- Batting helmets must be worn by all batters, on-deck batters, and base runners.
- Players can advance one base on an overthrow.
- A play ends when the lead runner is stopped.
- A maximum of three (3) coaches are allowed on the field for batting. A 1st base coach, a 3rd base coach, and a coach to help with the tee at home plate.

### 5. Fielding Rules:

- ONLY Ten (10) defensive players, comprising six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders, are on the field at all times.
- One of the infield positions is the catcher.
- There will be no infield fly rule.
- A maximum of two (2) coaches on the field for the defensive team, stationed in the outfield area behind the outfielders.

#### **6. Minimum Playing Time:**

- Managers and coaches are encouraged to rotate their players within fielding positions to promote learning various positions.
- Every player will be given the opportunity to play infield for at least one inning per game.
- If, due to safety concerns, a manager feels it is unsafe for a player to play infield, approval must be obtained from the Division Representative.
- Every player shall play at least 2 defensive innings per game and not sit on the bench in consecutive innings.

#### **7. Players Arriving after the Start of Games:**

- If a player arrives after the start of the game, the player must be added to the bottom of the batting order.

#### **8. Scorebook:**

- The home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook.
- The scorebook is primarily maintained for insurance purposes and to document player's participation for All-Star team eligibility.
- No win/loss records or standings are kept in the T-ball Division.

#### **9. Dress Code**

- The league furnishes each player with a hat, shirt, and belt or socks. Every player must wear a complete and matching uniform for all league games, including matching pants. Exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets, large or loop-style earrings, and neck chains are prohibited.

#### **10. Infielder Rule:**

- All players must throw the ball and tag their respective bases.
- The pitcher must throw the ball to another base; running home is allowed only to get an out.