



## Foal Division Rules

Ages 3 1/2 to 4

### Overview

Managers and coaches are encouraged to be supportive of players on all teams, exercise patience and remember that these players are at different levels of skill, understanding and attention span.

1. Games are limited to 3 innings. No new inning may be started after 45 minutes. Time adherence is critical on days when multiple games are scheduled.
2. There will be no score or outs in this division.
3. Batters shall hit off a batting tee located directly above home plate.

### Equipment & Setup

1. Aluminum, Composite, and wood bats specifically marked for T-ball shall be used. Bats labeled for coach pitch will not be acceptable.
2. Safety "sponge core" baseballs shall be used in this division. Ex. Diamond Flexi Ball - DFX-LC5 PL
3. Home team sets up the field. (Chalk, water and drag as needed)
4. Visiting team tears down field (if last game of the day)

### Batting

1. Each team shall bat through the entire lineup one time each half inning. The half inning will be complete once the final batter in the lineup has batted and crossed home plate.
2. Balls knocked off the batting tee due to the bat hitting only the tubing are to be placed on the tee again for another try.
3. There are no strikeouts. After a batter has had 4 swings without hitting the ball into fair territory, a coach should assist the batter in hitting the ball gently off the tee.
4. Bunting is not allowed. A batter must take a full swing.
5. There is a minimum distance that a batted ball must travel in order to be a fair ball.
6. Line ups should be rotated each game so that kids have a chance to bat in different spots of the line up.

### Base Running

1. No lead offs. Players cannot break contact with the base until the batter hits the ball.
2. Each batter in the lineup shall advance one base per hit.
3. The final batter in each half inning hits a homerun.

### Defense

1. A single player may not play the same position more than one time per game. Each Player must play at least 1 inning in the infield each game. No Player may play a second inning at an infield position until every player has played in the infield.
2. Teams are limited to 6 players in the infield: two pitchers, first base, second base, third base and shortstop. Catchers will not be utilized in this division.
3. Teams are unlimited in the number of players they may have in the outfield.
4. With the exception of the Pitcher, defensive players may not be closer than 30' to home plate until after the batter has hit the ball.