

Old Brooklyn Youth League (O.B.Y.L)

T-Ball Rules (Division 1)

Revised: 2023 Season

1. Bases: 40 ft. Pitcher's Mound Area: 30 ft.
2. Game length is four (4) innings or 1 hour - whichever comes first.
3. Coaches may stop play for instructional purposes. The two offensive coaches will remain in the coach's boxes at first and third bases. The two defensive coaches will position themselves along the right and left field foul lines - in foul territory.
4. The batting order consists of all those present. Once through the batting order per inning. The maximum number of "at bats" as the team with the most members present.
Ex: Team A has 12 players, Team B has 15 players, each team can bat 15 players, if necessary.
5. All balls are hit off a movable tee.
6. There are *no* strikeouts. The batter bats until the ball is put into play.
7. A batted ball must travel a minimum of 15 feet off the tee to begin play. If the ball does not go 15 feet, it will be returned to the tee by the defensive team or umpire. We want the batter to learn not to touch the ball when he/she is at bat.
8. **No lead-offs.** Players will stay on the base until the ball is hit. If the runner leaves early, he/she will be called out.
9. Throwing the bat is dangerous. After two (2) team warnings, the next one to throw a bat will be called out.
10. The defensive team consists of 11 players. All players must play a position that corresponds to normal softball positions. The 11th player must play at least five (5) feet behind second base.

11. All players *must* play a minimum of two (2) innings in the field.
12. The pitcher must stay within a three foot radius of the mound until the ball is hit.
13. Play is stopped when a batted ball is thrown into the pitcher's area or being attempted to be controlled by infielders. Runners return to the last base reached.
14. Any overthrow resulting from an attempt to put out base runners causes dead ball and all base runners must stop.
15. The two (2) managers will umpire their own games.
16. **All rules are subject to change.**
17. Defacing of Uniform: *any* defacing of uniform (shirt) no alterations- ie. adding players names, etc., during the entire season, the child will be asked to purchase a new uniform or will forfeit rights to participating in the rest of the season at OBYL League and registration fees will *not* be refunded.
18. Any player/coach/spectator ejected from a game will be suspended for **(3)** games- rain out games do **NOT** count.

T-Ball division is 4-6 years old - they are NOT professional softball players.

Smoking, Vaping, Chew, or Alcoholic Beverages are NOT permitted ANYWHERE on the premise, during games/picnics/practices/any other functions during the OBYL season.