

**MYB 2021 Spring Baseball  
Rules**

T-Ball Ages 4-5

**A. Field**

- a. Bases – Bases will be 50 feet apart.
- b. Players – Players must not be positioned closer than 35 feet to the batter.

**B. Equipment**

- a. Bat – must be a t-ball bat.
- b. Ball – A T-Ball (Soft) will be used.
- c. Helmet – required.

**C. General**

- a. Scoring – No Score will be kept.
- b. Length of game – Each game will be 3 innings. A game should take approximately 45 minutes, so please do not delay the start of any inning. It is the intent that each ½ inning should take between 6-8 minutes.
- c. Inning – Each half inning is completed after all players from one team have had the opportunity to bat. No player from any team should bat twice within an inning.
- d. Fielding Positions –All players will play in the field; coaches will position players apart to help prevent them from piling onto each other. No player can be closer than 35 feet to the batter.
- e. For safety reasons, players are not allowed to wear jewelry during the games. The only exception will be made for jewelry worn for medical reasons. In those cases, the item must be taped to the body before the player will be allowed to play. Rubberized athletic gear is approved for play.

**D. Play**

- a. Batter – NO Strikes will be called, the batter must get the ball in play at least 25-30 feet from the batting tee, ideally.
- b. Stopping Play – Play will be stopped when the ball is deemed within the control of the fielding team in the infield and the runners have achieved at least 1 base.
- c. There will be NO LEADS and NO STEALING
- d. Avoiding Contact - Players must attempt to avoid contact with other players in tag-out situations.
- e. All on-deck batters must stay near the fence line on the same side of the field as the batter before them with a helmet on. Only 1 player on deck at a time.
- f. Please construct a batting order, which will rotate from inning to inning. The first player in your order should move to the last the next inning and so on. That way each child will get an opportunity to bat first, last and in the middle, throughout the season.
- g. The last player in the line-up will completely round the bases as if they hit a home run. The defensive team should maintain their fielding positions until after the last player has crossed home.
- h. Fielding positions should also be rotated from inning to inning, where each child will get an opportunity to play every position throughout the season.
- i. During play, please have the kids rotate which base they will make a play too, so all may participate. This means the first batter play for first, second hit play for second, third hit play for third, fourth hit play for home, fifth hit back to first and keep rotating until the inning is over.

**E. Participation Requirements**

- a. Players must be placed in their teams batting order. Each player must be placed in the field.

**F. Coaches**

- a. Coaches are allowed during a game in all field areas, including the dugout area.
- b. Offense – One coach will be at the batting tee, another will be at first, another at second, and another at third base. The last coach assigned to the dugout and bench area. The batting coach will remove the tee from home once the ball is hit.
- c. Defense – Coaches will take positions around the field to help the players with fielding and correct places to throw the ball.
- d. Live Play – Coaches shall not touch the ball while the ball is in play.

**G. Behavior** – No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. The head coach is responsible for all assistant coaches and his parents. Please remember the parent's feed off the coaches. \*Intentionally delaying a game is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will not be tolerated.