

# STOW YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

## 2008 SEASON REVISED FOR FALL LEAGUE

### TEE-BALL LEAGUE

1. Players should be ages 4 or 5.
2. Players on a team – 8 minimum, 13 maximum
3. 50 feet between the bases.
4. A real or imaginary playing line is between first base and third base or an arc 40 feet from home plate.
5. Every player bats and plays in the field.
6. The ball is hit off a batting tee.
7. There are no walks or strikeouts.
8. There are no 'outs', each player must be given a chance to hit each 'inning' and will remain on base until all of the batters have hit.
9. A regulation game length is based on assigned field time (not a number of innings). Teams must clear the field and bench area at the end of their assigned time.
10. The ball must travel 10 feet or it is a foul.
11. No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit.
12. Players should be spread out on field as similar to regulation baseball as possible (3b/ss/2b/1b inside the baselines plus outfielders spread out beyond the baselines).
13. Catchers are not used in tee-ball.
14. Coaches should make an effort to rotate players back and forth between infield and outfield assignments in order to allow the players to gain more experience at different positions.
15. Coaches are encouraged to be on the field to help direct their defensive players.
16. No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
17. An inning is over when all of the players have batted once.
18. Scores are not kept.
19. Safety helmets with chinstraps must be worn.
20. Bats - 2¼" diameter maximum (tee-ball bats)
21. Ball - 9" to 9½" around; 4 to 5 ounces. Softer than a standard baseball. Molded core or sponge rubber center.
22. Gloves - 12" long, max.
23. Tee - adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.
24. Ball – a level one ball (soft) is utilized.
25. Athletic footwear is recommended.
26. In the event of lightning, anywhere within sight of anyone on the field, the game or practice is to be suspended for 30 minutes. Each time there is a lightning strike the 30 minute clock begins again. In the event of lightning in the last ½ hour of the game or practice, the game or practice is to be cancelled with no make-up rescheduled.
27. Parents are not permitted to drop their child off at the game or practice without proper supervision. Coaches are not expected to be babysitters.

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### COACH-PITCH LEAGUE

1. Players should be ages 5 or 6.
2. Players on a team – 8 minimum, 13 maximum
3. 50 feet between the bases.
4. A real or imaginary playing line is between first base and third base or an arc 40 feet from home plate.
5. Every player bats and plays in the field.
6. The coach pitches to his/her own team from a safe distance from the batter. If the player does not hit the ball within five swings (or ten total pitches), the ball is hit off a batting tee.
7. There are no walks or strikeouts.
8. There are no 'outs', each player must be given a chance to hit each 'inning' and will remain on base until all of the batters have hit.
9. A regulation game length is based on assigned field time (not a number of innings). Teams must clear the field and bench area at the end of their assigned time.
10. The ball must travel 10 feet or it is a foul.
11. Players should be spread out on field as similar to regulation baseball as possible (3b/ss/2b/1b inside the baselines plus outfielders spread out beyond the baselines).
12. Catchers are not used in coach pitch (a coach should stand near the backstop to collect baseballs that are not hit).
13. Coaches should make an effort to rotate players back and forth between infield and outfield assignments in order to allow the players to gain more experience at different positions.
14. Coaches are encouraged to be on the field to help direct their defensive players.
15. No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit.
16. No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
17. An inning is over when all of the players have batted once.
18. Scores are not kept.
19. Safety helmets with chinstraps must be worn.
20. Bats - 2¼" diameter maximum (tee-ball bats)
21. Ball - 9" to 9½" around; 4 to 5 ounces. Softer than a standard baseball. Molded core or sponge rubber center.
22. Gloves - 12" long, max.
23. Tee - adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.
24. Ball – a level five ball (harder than tee ball, softer than regulation baseball) is utilized.
25. Athletic footwear is recommended.
26. In the event of lightning, anywhere within sight of anyone on the field, the game or practice is to be suspended for 30 minutes. Each time there is a lightning strike the 30 minute clock begins again. In the event of lightning in the last ½ hour of the game or practice, the game or practice is to be cancelled with no make-up rescheduled.
27. Parents are not permitted to drop their child off at the game or practice without proper supervision. Coaches are not expected to be babysitters.