



SOUTH SOUND YMCA T-Ball Ages 3-5

Field of Play

1. Distance between bases is 45' (15 yards or paces).
2. FIRST and THIRD base lines, BATTERS BOX and a 10' ARC in front of HOME PLATE shall be marked with chalk.

Games Rules

1. Game length is three complete INNINGS or one hour, whichever occurs first.
2. Each INNING is one complete BATTING ROTATION.
3. No score will be kept.
4. Coaches and/or parent will umpire.
5. There is no INFIELD FLY rule.
6. NO metal cleats, of any kind, will be allowed on the playing field.

Offense

- 1. Batters and runner shall wear helmets at all times.**
- 2. Only batter shall have bat in hand.**
3. Ball must be hit out of 10-foot ARC to be in play.
4. BATTER continues to bat until BALL is hit in fair territory.
5. BATTERS are not permitted to bunt or swing easy at ball.
6. Players are not permitted to lead off or steal bases.
7. RUNNER may advance only one base at a time.
8. No sliding or colliding.
9. Offensive coaches may position themselves at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd bases.

Defense

1. All players participate while team is on defense. Extra players should be positioned in the outfield. No more than seven in the infield.
2. ALL INFIELDERS must play a minimum of 35 feet away from HOME PLATE before the ball is hit.
3. Coaches should attempt to change fielding position for player each inning.
4. Coaches of the DEFENSIVE TEAM in the field will be permitted to station themselves in the field area.
5. No catchers are used. All players must in the field of play.

Sportsmanship

1. Coaches may not dispute calls, or argue a decision in front of players or spectators. If there is a dispute, address it at halftime or after the game in the form of a question. If there is further dispute, contact the coordinator of your division.
2. If parents or spectators have concerns during the game, they will report to the coach or address the YMCA staff person (not the referee) on duty, or contact the coordinator.
3. Refer to Player/Parent Code of Ethics.

Note: The primary aim of youth sports at this age is to encourage children to have fun in a safe, challenging environment. Teamwork, sportsmanship and safety are all key. Coaches, officials, parents, and all other adults are present to encourage all players.