

Covington Community Sports 3/4 Division T-Ball

Description:

T- Ball is designed for first time players. The emphasis of this program is on fun and basic skill development. Rookie League T-Ball is open to both boys and girls ages 3 and 4.

Field Dimensions:

The distance from the back point of home plate to the front edge of the pitcher's slab shall be no less than 15 feet. The distance between all bases is 40 feet. The home team is responsible for setting up the field.

Players:

Each team will field the entire roster. The extra infielder can be stationed between the first and second base positions. The outfielders should be stationed behind the baseline. Teams may start with as few as 6 players. There will be no "Catcher" in the 3/4 division.

Playing time:

All players in attendance will play in every game. Equal playing time is expected. Players are to rotate between infield and outfield positions throughout the season.

Equipment and Uniforms:

All players are expected to wear their team t-shirt and hats (Provided by Covington Community Sports) while participating. Shirts must be tucked in. Each player must provide their own helmet and glove. For safety, it is suggested that all players wear baseball or athletic pants while participating. A batting glove, cleated shoes (plastic cleats only), and a water bottle are also recommended for each participant.

Jewelry and metal-cleated shoes are not allowed.

Each batter and base runner is required to wear a batting helmet.

Umpires:

Umpires are not assigned to the games. The coaches should serve as umpires or appoint parent volunteers to assist with any umpiring decisions.

Length of Game:

Games are four innings in duration and not more than 1 hour in length regardless of innings played. No inning shall begin after 45 minutes. Innings started before 45 minutes shall be completed. Games called for any reason shall be considered completed games if 3 innings have been played.

Start of Play:

Infield practice is not allowed due to time constraints. Teams are not allowed to take infield practice before the game. The home team shall occupy the third base side of the field and the visiting team shall occupy the first base side of the field. The visiting team, the first team as indicated on the schedule, shall bat first. The only adults allowed in the field are: Two field coaches and, if needed, additional team appointed field coaches as long as both teams agree, and there is no obstruction of the game.

Innings:

An inning is considered complete when each player has batted.

Scoring:

No scores will be recorded for this age group.

Batting:

Batters hit from the batting tee – no “coach pitching” is allowed. If any portion of the ball, tee, or both ball and tee is hit over 5 feet in fair territory, it will be considered a batted ball. The fielders cannot leave his/her position to field the ball until the ball is hit. Each player will be allowed a maximum of 7 swings before the batter is called out.

Throwing the Bat:

A player at no time will be allowed to throw the bat. Coaches must remind the players before each game of the bat-throwing rule.

Outs:

Although “outs” can be made, they are not used to determine the end of an inning. See “Inning”.

Runners:

Runners may advance one base per hit with the exception of the last batter. The last batter hits a "home run" and runs all the way around clearing the bases. Runners may not advance another base on an overthrow by an infielder.

Stealing:

There will be no leading off or stealing bases.

Sliding:

There will be no sliding.