

Covington Community Sports 5/6 Division T-Ball/Coach Pitch

Description:

T-ball/Coach Pitch is for boys and girls ages 5 and 6. Skill development and fun are emphasized in this league.

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 38 feet. The distance between all bases is 50 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.

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.

Player Equipment:

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. The catcher is required to wear the catcher's mask and chest protector while participating.

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 the Game:

Games are five innings or not more than 1-1/4 hours in length regardless of innings played. No inning shall begin after 55 minutes. Innings started before 55 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: the pitcher and two field coaches (team option).

Innings:

An inning is considered complete when each player has batted.

Scoring:

No scores will be recorded for this age group.

Pitching:

It is highly recommended that players hit from the batting tee, however, at the half season mark each player has his/her choice to be pitched to or hit from the batting tee. If a player chooses to have the coach "pitch" to them, they will receive a maximum of 3 pitches (ball or strike) and then must hit off the tee for the remaining 4 tries. An adult coach or assistant will pitch either underhand or overhand to that coach's own team. The adult pitcher does not field any balls and must make an effort to stay out of the way. The adult pitcher must pitch off the pitching rubber. If the ball hits the adult pitcher it is still a live ball.

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. If a batter throws a bat, the batter will be called out and no runners will advance. Throwing the bat is a judgment call made by the umpire.

Batting:

Each batter will receive no more than 7 tries (see Pitching). If the batter does not reach base after 7 tries, the batter will be called out. No strikes or balls are called. Hitting the batting tee or missing the ball will constitute a swing (1 of 7 swings), the ball is dead and the batter or runner do not advance. 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. Bunting is not allowed. Penalty: a swing will be counted and the ball is dead, the batter or runners do not advance. If a pitched ball hits the batter, he/she is not entitled to advance to 1st base; the ball is dead and does not count as a pitched ball.

Outs:

A caught foul ball will be treated the same as official baseball rules.

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. Penalty: the team shall receive 1 warning per game, and the 2nd time the player will be declared out.

Sliding:

There will be no sliding.

Offense:

All players on the team roster will be in the batting line-up and bat in their turn even if they do not play in the field that inning.

Infield Fly Rule:

The infield fly rule does not apply.