

# LIVE OAK LITTLE LEAGUE

## 2018 T-Ball Local Rules

### 1) Age Range:

- a) 4-7 year olds

### 2) Field Dimensions & Equipment:

- a) 50' base paths, 35' pitchers rubber
- b) Place hitting "T" one foot in front of home plate so that base runners running to home plate will not run into it.
- c) Only Little League approved helmets, bats, and catchers gear shall be used.
- d) "Safety" ball will be used (e.g. Easton Incrediball or the like ).

### 3) General League Rules:

- a) All Managers/Coaches shall **READ** and **KNOW** all rules supplied by Little League International and LOLL. They shall keep a copy of all rules with their equipment. All managers, coaches or other on-field volunteers must yearly complete the Little League International background check form and turn it in to LOLL, prior to being allowed on the field (even during practices).
- b) The home team will occupy the third base dugout/bench.
- c) The home team is responsible for setting up the field.
  - i. All bases.
  - ii. Hitting "T".
  - iii. Chalk any base lines if necessary.
- d) The visitor team will occupy the first base dugout/bench.
- e) The visitors must help home team set-up if first or second game of day. If playing the last game of day, visitors are responsible for putting all field equipment away and **LOCKED!** Both teams are responsible after the game for making sure the field, dugout areas and stands are clean and all garbage is placed in the cans provided.
- f) For safety reasons:
  - i. There is no on deck batter.
  - ii. Batters are not allowed to pick up their bat until it is their turn in the batting order and they are walking up to the plate.
- g) No parents are allowed on the playing field during a game unless they are officially participating as a coach or umpire.
- h) All managers/coaches and players shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. If at any time a LOLL Board member believes that poor sportsmanship has occurred and/or an incident has been reported to them, the incident will then be reported to the responsible League Commissioner (for managers or coaches) and/or the Player Agent (for players). The League Commissioner and/or Player Agent will meet with the "offending" party and others whom may have observed the purported incident to collect information and determine if further review is needed. The League Commissioner and/or Player Agent will then meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the incident, report their findings, and recommend if further action is warranted. If it is found that there may be an issue, one and/or all of the following may occur:

- i. Offending manager/coach shall appear before the Executive Board to discuss the situation and if warranted, suspension from one or more games.
- ii. Offending player shall meet with the Player Agent and League Commissioner to discuss the situation and if warranted, suspension from one or more games. They may also be required to write a letter, as determined by the Player Agent and League Commissioner, about sportsmanship to the league/team(s), which must be received prior to their participation in any future games.
- iii. If the incident is serious enough, the offending manager/coach or player, with Executive Board approval, may be disqualified from All-Star participation or other post-season activities.

#### **4) Game Specifics:**

- a) Games should be 1 hour or 3 innings, whichever occurs first.
- b) No score is kept.
- c) At the conclusion of the game, both teams shall congratulate each other at home plate.

#### **5) Offense:**

- a) Every team member bats every inning.
- b) There are no strikeouts.
- c) Outs are not counted, but if a runner or batter is thrown out, that player must return to the dugout/bench.
- d) Feet first sliding is allowed. No sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> base.
- e) Batter must hit the ball past 15' arc; otherwise it is considered a foul ball.
- f) There should be 3 coaches on field at a time: one at home plate to assist batter, one at 1<sup>st</sup> base and one at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Minimum one adult at the dugout bench at all times.
- g) On a batted ball, the base runner should run to the base they "deserve," based on their hit and can advance at their own risk. On an overthrow, the ball is dead and there shall be no advancement.
- h) Once the last batter of a half inning completes his/her at bat, all the runners on base are allowed to run the bases and touch home plate.

#### **6) Defense:**

- a) Only 10 players on the field at a time.
- b) Only 2 coaches on the field to assist defensive players.
- c) The manager should, at a minimum, change fielding positions every 2 innings with the intent of allowing all players to play all positions throughout the season.
- d) It is recommended to have a player in the catcher's position, but it is not mandatory. If a catcher is present they must wear the proper catcher's gear and a cup.
- e) On a batted ball, play stops when the fielding team attempts to throw the ball to the pitcher's position. The pitcher does not have to catch the ball for the play to stop.

#### **7) Other:**

- a) There is no draft at this level. The Player Agent, League Commissioner and Director of Registration shall assign players to teams.