



# Micro & T-Ball Division Rules

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## 1. Games length

- Three (3) innings or one hour, whichever comes first

## 2. Game Play

- No score keeping of any games.
- No outs are recorded
- Stress fundamentals – this is an instructional division.
- Play may be delayed any time for instruction/coaching. (use discretion concerning frequent stoppages)
- Only two (2) defensive coaches, may be positioned on the field to instruct the players during the game.

## 3. Equipment

- Ball is to be an 11” Incrediball supplied by the league.
- Regulation softball bats or league supplied bats – No composite or baseball bats

## 4. Field dimensions

- Base distance to be forty (40) feet.

## 5. Defense

- No pitching by players.
- Players may play one defensive position for no more than two (2) innings per game.
- A maximum of seven (6) infielders will be used in the field:
  - 1 pitcher (fielding only) / no catcher
  - 5 infielders (first, second, third base, short stop, short field)
  - Balance of team are to be outfielders
- Fielders may make plays at any base but the runners will always be safe

## 6. Offense

- Each team member will bat in order, using all team members in the lineup.
- All batters will advance ONE base per at bat, last batter runs through all bases
- The maximum number of batters in an inning will be the highest number of players present on *either team*.
- Players not on defense must stay behind the fences at all times unless batting or base running.
- The inning ends after the maximum number of batters have batted.
- The offensive coach must inform the defensive team when the last is at the plate.
- Batting
  - Helmets must be worn by batter and base runners during games and practices.
  - Start of season - a batting Tee is to be used for all innings.
  - Offensive coach may begin to pitch to their batters with permission of Division Head
  - All batters should be attempting to hit from pitched ball by mid-season
  - A Tee should be used after two (2) strikes.
  - There will be no strikeouts – if a batter has difficulty, a coach may assist.
  - No base on balls will be awarded.
  - No outs are recorded

## 7. Base Running

- Leads are NOT permitted - runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- Each runner may only advance one base per play, last batter runs around the bases to home

## 8. Miscellaneous

- Only those coaches/ volunteers who have submitted the required **background checks and ACE**
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**certification** and have been NSPL approved coaches/ are allowed on the field, in the batting cages, or in the dugout – this includes any games or practices.

- No smoking or other use of tobacco is permitted on the playing field side of the paved driveway that provides access to Troop Field.
  - No dog or pets of any kind (excluding service animals) are allowed on the field or in the areas surrounding the field – this includes any games or practices.
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