

GRASSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

4U (3-4) TEE BALL LEAGUE

The purpose of the GAA 4U (3-4) year-old T-ball League is to provide a fun, non-competitive environment for developing fundamental baseball skills. Players should receive positive reinforcement and be encouraged to do their best. Standings, scores, and outs are not recorded.

A. Rosters: Each team will have a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 10 players.

B. Mandatory Play: No minimum number of players is required to play a game. NO Forfeits.

C. Field Dimensions:

- Bases are approximately 50 feet apart.
- The center of the pitching circle will be 38-feet from the back point of home plate. The circle will be approximately 12-feet in diameter.
- An arc measuring four (4) feet from the back point of home plate shall be lined on the field. Any ball not passing the arc cannot be fielded and will therefore be considered a foul ball.

D. Time Limits: Games will have a time limit of 45 minutes or 3 innings, whichever comes first.

E. Standings and Score: Standings and scores are not kept. No outs are recorded.

F. Umpire/Official: There will be no umpires for this age group.

G. Managers/Coaches: An offensive coach is allowed at home plate to help the batter and base coaches are allowed at 1st and 3rd base. Defensive coaches are allowed on the field to instruct the players. **An adult coach or parent MUST always be in the dugout when players are present.**

H. Equipment:

- All bats must have the USA bat stamp
- Safety Baseballs are used (slight give for safety).
- Batters/runners must wear a protective helmet that meets NOCSAE standards.

I. Defensive Rules of Play (Fielding):

- All players will play on the field when on defense. A maximum of 5 infielders and the rest of the team must occupy the outfield. All outfielders must be at equal depth.
- The catcher position is not used.
- The player pitcher must be positioned with at least one foot inside the pitching circle.
- The player pitcher cannot field the ball and run it to a base. It must be thrown by the pitcher.
- Infielders may not be more than 10 feet in front of the base path.
- Outfielders may not be less than 10 feet behind the base path.
- No outs are recorded.

- Fielders should be encouraged and instructed to play the field and try to make the proper play.

J. Offensive Rules of Play (Batting):

- A continuous batting order will be used. All players at the game for a team will hit and then teams will switch sides. Teams will continue to rotate in this manner each inning. Any player arriving after a game has begun should be inserted in the batting order in the last batting position.
- All offensive players except the at-bat player and base runners must be inside the dugout with the gate closed. There is no on-deck circle.
- The ball is considered in play when the coach places the ball on the batting tee.
- The ball must travel at least 4 feet from the tee in fair territory or it will be considered foul. If the tee is struck instead of the ball, it will be considered a foul ball.
- If the batter does not put the ball in to play after 5 swings, the coach will assist the batter in putting the ball in play off the hitting tee.
- Each runner will advance one base on a fairly hit ball.
- Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- If the defense puts out a batter or runner, he/she will be allowed to remain on base.
- The last batter in the lineup will continue to run the bases until he/she touches home.
- Sliding of any kind should be strongly discouraged.