

## **EBA Rookie (T-ball) Rules**

### **All Little League Baseball rules apply except for the following:**

1. Please remember the main objectives for all the kids are to learn, play and have fun.
2. Never argue with an opposing manager, coach or parent.
3. Rainouts - Opposing managers communicate with each other and make a mutual decision no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the game, so that families can be notified with enough advance notice, whenever possible.
4. One (1) player from each team shall meet at the pitcher's mound before the start of the game to recite the Little League pledge. (optional)
5. All games will be three (3) innings and should not exceed 90 minutes in length.
6. There is no official scorekeeping.
7. Each player bats each inning (full lineup). The batting order should vary from inning to inning so that a different player can start or end each inning.
8. There are no official "outs". Each batter gets to run the bases, even if they make an actual out.
9. Two (2) coaches in the field (at first and third base) for the batting team.
10. Two (2) coaches in the field to provide instruction for the fielding team.
11. All players play in the field each inning, no matter how many players you have. Nobody sits on the bench when their team is in the field.
12. Unlimited defensive substitutions. Please rotate players through multiple positions throughout the game, keeping player safety at the front of all decisions at all times.
13. No catchers.
14. All batters and baserunners must wear helmets at all times.
15. No handling of bats outside of the diamond, no on deck batters.
16. No leads or stealing
17. No sliding into the bases, except home plate.
18. Runners may not advance on overthrows.
19. Runners should only advance one base at a time, except with the last batter of each inning. Let that player hit a "grand slam" and let all players on base round the bases and score on the last batter.
20. At approximately the mid-point of the season, teams should introduce coach pitching during the last inning of games (coach from hitting team pitches to their own team). Coaches should discuss and agree on this prior to the start of the game. Coaches should pitch from 20-30 feet from the plate while on a knee or sitting on a bucket. Bring the tee back out after 5 good pitches are thrown to a batter, to keep the game moving along. A coach should be near home plate to collect balls and to place the tee for the batter if they have not hit a pitched ball. In the last few games, teams can choose to try to use coach pitching for all 3 innings, subject to discussion and agreement by coaches prior to the start of the game.