

SSLL 5 Year Old Division (Tee Ball)

General Rules & Procedures

Safety

- Weather – if lightening strikes- get off the field immediately and bring kids to a safe area
- If condition of field is unplayable do not risk injury by playing- use your judgment, discuss with other manager/coaches from both teams before playing
- No players should ever be swinging a bat outside of being at the plate (no on deck circle)
- Know any potential medical conditions of your players (i.e. asthma) and make sure one parent or assigned relative is at the game for the child
- Cups and heart guards are highly recommended
- Helmets will be available at the field for games but we recommend parents purchase them on their own
- No food in the dugout. Only water or a sports drink allowed. Squirt bottles are not allowed
- A parent MUST accompany a child to/from the bathroom
- Ensure that after the game/practice all children are picked up by a parent or relative Managers, Coaches and team Coordinators
- Each team is allowed 1 manager, 2 coaches and a team coordinator – All have to complete a background check and be approved before season starts
- Outside of those approved for coaching NO parents are allowed in the dugout or on the field during the game or practice
- There should always be 1 coach or coordinator in the dugout

with the kids at all times

- If there's not enough coaches at the game for either team you need to help each other out to fill the void
- On defense, 1 infield coach and 1 outfield coach
- On offense, 1 coach behind the plate , 1- 1st base and 1- 3rd base coach (get 1 coach from the other team so you have 1 coach in the dugout) Duties
- Managers may assign parents to rake the field at the end of the game (both teams partake in this task)
- Managers are responsible for taking out and putting back equipment. For last game of day , equipment shed door needs to be locked – bases returned as well.

Pre-Game day

- Rosters will be handed out at the first managers meeting a couple of weeks before the season starts. Schedules are posted on line on the leagues website
- You will then have a meeting with your team at the complex (i.e. concession stand) before any practice or games are played. At that meeting you can provide/receive team additional contact info for communication purposes, assign coaches, team coordinators and discuss safety issues, practice time, etc.

Practice Time

- To be assigned on the premises first before season starts
- Thereafter, try to have a practice at least one time per week

Game Day

- Games will be played on the Page Avenue side of the complex (middle field)
- Uniforms must be worn, shirts tucked in, hats on with bill facing front
- Instruct your team to get to the game 1/2 hour before game time so you can get some practice in and you can be organized with your line up and fielding positions
- In the event of a rain out the league (most likely me) will call the managers in as much in advance as possible. If you don't hear from anyone mgrs must come down to the field

General Playing Rules

- There are no umpires for this division
- No score should be kept. All games end in a tie
- Games should start on time and run no longer than 1.5 hours
- Managers should have their team coordinators have the roster available for each game and be in a position to assign the batting order as kids show up
- Absolutely NO pitching will be allowed in this division- players or coaches
- **Offense**- each player will bat from order 1 through 13, next time around reverse order
- Player must wear a helmet when batting. Teams will share 6 helmets that will be at the field (in the equipment shed located behind home plate)
- Player hits off tee, 3 attempts and if ball is not put in play by

3rd swing, coach should assist player in hitting- all in an attempt to teach and move the game along

- **Defense-** 10 players should take positions in the field. Manager assigns each player to a position- 4 in the infield plus 1 on the pitcher's mound- (that player **MUST** wear a helmet). 5 in the outfield (i.e. left, right, center, short center)
 - Players should be rotated each inning so they get to play the infield and outfield. Be conscious of having your own children playing prime positions
 - Be selective on who you play at first base- important that that player can generally catch to avoid an injury
 - Importance is to teach them the fundamentals of fielding in that position
 - Base running should be base to base to avoid kids running into each other. In the case where a player hits the ball to the outfield you may advance them to 2nd base but use caution with any base runners that may be ahead of them.
 - Please stress the importance of sportsmanship; respect of coaches and players. Have the kids and coaches shake hands after the game

Note: Managers must notify the division director if 1) any player is injured, 2) an altercation has occurred amongst players which may disrupt or harm any player(s), 3) disruption caused amongst parents or family members. In any case appropriate action will be made by the SSL Board of Directors.

Equipment

- Baseballs will be provided by the league- they are super soft baseballs

- 6 Helmets will provided by the league, kept on site or issued to the manager
- Field bases stored in the equipment shed

Rules, rosters, schedules and league updates can be found on our website at: **www.sllonline.com**