



MONARCH LITTLE LEAGUE

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LOCAL LEAGUE RULES 2019 SEASON T-ball Division

All local rules defined below apply to Monarch Little League T-ball, unless specifically noted.

GOLDEN RULES

1. Little league is about the kids! It is not for the managers, coaches, or parents.
2. Have Fun.
3. Focus on teaching good fundamentals of baseball. If your players develop good fundamentals, they will be successful.
4. Treat your players, managers, coaches, and parents with respect.
5. The MLL Board of Directors will resolve all disputes based on recommendation from the T-ball Coordinator.

PRE-GAME MEETING

1. Prior to the start of the game, the coaches from both teams shall meet at home plate to agree on the ground rules for the game and to negotiate any unusual circumstances.

GAME TIME LIMIT

1. Games will be limited to one hour in length.
2. No inning will begin after the time limit has expired. If an inning begins prior to the time limit expiring, the inning may be completed.

HOME TEAM

1. The home team provides game balls.

SCOREKEEPING

1. No score will be kept during games.

FIELDERS

1. Every child must play every position an equal number of innings throughout the season.
2. It is recommended that players switch between infield and outfield positions every inning (or as possible).
3. When playing defense, a traditional infield defense is recommended (pitcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, shortstop), except no catcher. Catcher is not permitted as this division of play. All other players should be evenly distributed in the outfield.
4. All outfielders should play on the edge of the outfield grass. Coaches should reinforce that outfielders play the important role of backing up their teammates in the infield.
5. During the game, players should make a throw to first base (or other base, as appropriate) on every play. Players should not be encouraged to "eat" the baseball if it isn't fielded cleanly. Every effort should be made to reinforce what the "right" play is, even if the play does not result in an out.

BATTING

1. Per League guidelines, no “on-deck” batter is permitted.
2. Every player bats every inning – regardless of the number of outs recorded. It is recommended that each player get an opportunity to lead off as well as to bat last at some point in the season.
3. All batting will be done off a batting tee. (NOTE: during the 2nd half of the season, depending on how the players are developing, coaches may choose to evolve to a light coach pitch at their discretion).
4. The last batter in each half inning clears the bases and takes as many bases as possible before being tagged out. The last batter therefore holds the highly desirable “home run” spot of the batting order.
5. An out is an out. The runner is not awarded the base on an out. This will not happen too often. When it does, it is important for the coach to praise the runner for good effort. Make sure the runner understands why he/she is out, and escort the runner back to the dugout.
6. There are no strikeouts in t-ball.

COACHING

1. There is not an umpire. Umpire duties are shared by the coaches.
2. Coaches are permitted on the field with the team playing defense.
3. Coaches are permitted on the field with the team playing offense.
4. The minimum recommended placement of coaches is a home plate, first base and third base coach.
5. The home plate coach is encouraged to accompany the player batting near the batter’s box.
6. The home plate coach is also responsible for removing the batting tee and bat after the ball is put into play.
7. First and third base coaches will provide instruction to the base runners.

ADVANCING RUNNERS

1. Generally, the batter and runners on base will advance one base on each hit.
2. In the event of a “clean” hit through the infield and past the outfielders, two bases are permitted. The first base coach will make the determination of when this is appropriate.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

1. Players cannot wear metal spikes.
2. All offensive players must wear protective helmets while on the playing field at all times.

SAFETY

1. No batter “on deck” batter is permitted on the field until it is that player’s turn to bat.
2. No siblings (whether older or younger) are permitted in the dugout or on the field during game play.

*** Local rules are subject to revision by Monarch Little League Board of Directors**