



PORTAGE YOUTH BASEBALL

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T-BALL DIVISION PLAYING RULES

Note: The current edition of the Little League Baseball – 2014 Official Regulations and Playing Rules (the green book), shall govern all play except as added, amended, modified, waived, or clarified by the local rules set forth below. Any conflicts or issues regarding play shall be raised to the Portage Youth Baseball Board of Directors for resolution.

Local Rules:

1. A soft baseball will be used.
2. All players are in the batting order.
3. All players are used defensively at one time.
4. Positions:
 - Optional catcher: One player may play catcher using a catcher's helmet and mask. They should be placed behind the deep corner of the opposite batter's box to avoid being hit by a possible thrown bat. The catcher is used to make plays at home and field balls near the plate.
 - A pitcher is placed on the mound.
 - The remaining players will be placed around the infield area, with one designated first baseman. Defensive coaches are permitted on the field behind players for instructional purposes (this is encouraged). Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball.
5. The manager or coach will tee-up the ball for the batter and is permitted (and encouraged) to instruct the batter at home plate.
6. All games will consist of 4 innings or 1 hour.
7. No bunting is allowed.
8. No base stealing is allowed.
9. There are no strikeouts.
10. There is no infield fly rule.
11. If a player is put-out, he/she may remain on base (unless thrown out at home). Multiple base runners ending up on the same base will be rearranged. This may be adjusted to regular baseball rules later in the season if all managers agree.
12. An offensive inning consists of one time around the batting order regardless of the number of outs made by the defensive team.
13. Scores will not be kept.
14. If a team does not have enough players, that team may recruit other players in the stands provided they are on the roster of another T-Ball team. (Note: Only players that are registered in the league are covered by Portage Youth Baseball's insurance.)

Equipment: All players will be issued a team jersey and hat as the "uniform". Players are expected to show up to all games in uniform. Additionally, player equipment that is brought to the field should be clearly marked with the player's name. T-Ball will have its own locker with a bucket of safety balls, catcher's gear, and a tee. Please return all equipment to the locker after each game. Please keep the equipment boxes in proper order. If additional equipment is needed, please let the Equipment Director know. Please clean field areas of any litter after each game. Please make an extra effort to keep players on the benches when at all possible, enlisting the help of additional players' parents if needed.