



T-Ball 2010 Spring Season North Arlington Little League



Dear Parents,

This newsletter has been designed to provide some basic information about our league. We hope that your family has a fun and enjoyable season!

- Nall Board of Directors

T-Ball is for 4, 5 & a few 6 year olds and is purely an instructional league. The goal is to provide children an environment that emphasizes participation, skill development, fundamental understanding of the rules of baseball, good sportsmanship, and teamwork. For injury prevention a softer RIF-5 ball is used.

It is non-competitive. The score is only kept during the game so that a team stops batting after five (5) runs have scored. No standings are kept and there is no district-level tournament sponsored by Little League. In North Arlington Little League there is no focus on winning and losing games, instead stressing playing hard, learning from our mistakes, rewarding effort with praise, and having fun!

Effort is made to play every child at every position throughout the season. But for their own safety, some children will not play at pitcher and/or first base until they progress to a point in their fielding ability where a manager feels they can safely protect themselves. Fielding ability not only means a child's ability to catch and throw the ball, but their attentiveness to what's happening during the game, especially the pitcher who stands only 46' from a batter hitting a ball!

In T-Ball, we play 5 innings or 60 minutes, whichever comes first, and 10 defensive players are allowed on the field at one time. An average team with 12 players means there are 2 players on the bench per inning, for a total of 10 substitutions per game (2 subs X 5 innings). Manager will make every effort to assure that no child sits out more than one inning in a 5-inning game.

The league rules regarding playing positions for T-ball:

- No player will be an alternate player for more than one inning without getting to play (3 consecutive defensive outs). In other words, no player may sit out two consecutive defensive innings.

- No player can play more than 2 innings at either of the positions of first base or pitcher, or both.
- Each player shall play at least one inning in the infield and one inning in the outfield during the game
- All players will be placed in a batting order at the beginning of the first game of the season. This batting order must be maintained during the remainder of the season. The entire team will be the offensive team at each game. The first batter up for all games other than the first game of the season will be the next batter up in order after the last batter up at the end of the preceding game.

The intent of these rules is to provide every child as much playing time, both offensively and defensively as possible. Again, T-Ball is an instructional league with the emphasis on learning, not winning.

Practices - Typically teams practice one to two times a week during the pre-season. Once the season begins most managers may choose to practice once per week, if at all. Scheduling of practices is the manager's responsibility.

Rain Outs – Rainouts at Dunlop are decided by the City of Arlington. On questionable weather days to check field status please call the city rainout line at (817) 462-8441.

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Volunteers

Many hands make light work. North Arlington Little League exists to serve the youth of North Arlington. The league is successful through the work of parents willing to make a small commitment of time to create a safe, and wholesome environment for our children.

Remember, we do it for the kids!

Note: One parent for each child is expected to take, at minimum, one turn at concession duty each season.

Being a Good Fan – “While it is the prerogative of baseball fans at professional games to voice loud, uncomplimentary opinions of umpires, managers, and players, this practice is not condoned at Little League games.

Parents must accept the fact that umpires, coaches and others identified with the program are volunteers and should not be subjected to criticism during ball games. ! ~ Role of the Parent in Little League, 1995 ~

Good fans are one of the best parts of playing any competitive sport—cheering for the players by name, applauding every player’s accomplishment, yelling words of encouragement. Bad fans are one of the worst parts of competitive sports—shouting at an umpire, yelling at players who make mistakes, loudly criticizing coaches and players during the game. Simply put, we want good fans and the League will not tolerate bad fans.

Coaching from the Stands – Managers and coaches are always looking for help, particularly at practices, and we encourage everyone to participate! During the game, however, it is important that players listen to one voice, focusing on what the coaching staff is trying to help accomplish at the moment. Please let the managers and coaches do the coaching during a game—they are trying to minimize the pressure a child feels when they are on the field. A player will be told to listen to the coaches—please be supportive of this philosophy.

Player Agent - The role of the player agent is to provide parents, players and coaches with a resource to help facilitate an issue-free player registration and regular-season. In addition, the player agent plays a primary role in interpreting league rules and guidelines that establish criteria for a player to maintain an active playing status. At all times, the player agent will listen to the concerns of parents, players and coaches so that a balanced decision is made in the best interests of the player and Little League.

Questions or Comments - If at any time you have questions or comments or ideas, we always encourage you to discuss your thoughts with your coaching staff. Also, always feel free to approach any Board member with your thoughts.

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