

Driving Park Youth Baseball Rules Quick Summary

T-Ball

1. All Games are on **strict** Time limits of *1hr 5mins* and/or 2-3 Innings.
2. 3 innings are determined when both teams agree to it, otherwise it is 2 innings.
3. Everyone **must** bat and once everyone bats the inning is over.
4. **No strike outs**. Player will swing until he or she hits the ball.
5. **No bunts** and ball must be 10-12 ft from the tee base to be considered a hit.
6. If the ball is caught, runners on base must wait until ball is caught before running to the next base. (Tag-ups)
7. There are **no steals**
8. Runners must stop running and only advance to the next base if past half zone or back to previous base once the *ball is in the pitcher hand raised and they are on the pitcher's mound within the circle. If the infielder (not outfielder) makes a play on the ball and enters the mound circle and hand is raised the runners must stop running and return or advance to the previous base depending of where they are in relation the half zone.*
9. If the runner is less than halfway between the next base when the ball is in the pitchers hand the must go back to the previous base. But if the runner is more than half way then they advance to the next base.
10. Pitcher gives or throws the ball to the catcher and they place ball on tee. Catcher must wear a helmet with mask.
11. Soft t-balls, t-ball bats are used and everyone must wear a helmet when batting.
12. Coaches and team parent volunteers are **encouraged** to be on the field with team as necessary.
13. Depending on team rosters, teams can play with *8,9,10 or 11* in the field. When that number is agreed upon by both teams, they **must** play with the same number for field play.
14. Coaches umpire their games.
15. If a team is short players then the opposing team will provide players from their teams ***if agreed upon.***
16. **No Score is kept.**
17. All must line up and shake hands when game is over as proper sportsmanship.
18. Parents are to conduct themselves with respect for themselves and others because we are roll models for our youth.

* Ages are usually from 4-7 and can be 8 if turned 8 after May 1st.

*It is important to remember that our *main objective* is for all children to *have fun* and learn some basic baseball fundamentals through instruction.

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Coach Pitch

1. All Games are on **strict** Time limits of *1hr 30mins* and/or 5 Innings.
2. The team's at bat their coach will pitch to their team.
3. The coach can only pitch **7** pitches, if no hit occurs they are out.
4. Runners must stop running and only advance to the next base once the *ball is in the pitcher hand raised, if they are on the pitcher's mound in the middle of the circle.*
5. There are **no steals**.
6. **No bunts** and ball must be *20 ft.* from home plate to be considered a hit.
7. If the ball is caught, runners on base must wait until ball is caught before running to the next base. (Tag-ups)
8. If the runner is less than halfway between the next base when the ball is in the pitchers hand the must go back to the previous base. But if the runner is more than half way then they advance to the next base.
9. Three outs end the inning.
10. Play is conducted with a **tee-ball**.
11. Everyone must wear a helmet when batting.
12. Catcher must wear a helmet with mask.
13. Depending on team rosters, teams can play with *9, 10* in the field. When that number is agreed upon by both teams, they **must** play with the same number for field play.
14. If a team is short players then the opposing team will provide players from their teams *if agreed upon*.
15. An umpire will not be used in games. Coaches will umpire their games.
16. Score is not kept.
17. All must line up and shake hands when game is over as proper sportsmanship.
18. Parents are to conduct themselves with respect for themselves and others because we are roll models for our youth. 0 tolerances for negative behavior. Parents could be asked to leave if behavior is disruptive.

* Ages are usually from 7-9 and can be 10 if turned 10 after May 1st or needs skill development.

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Driving Park Youth Baseball Rules Quick Summary

Majors

1. All Games are on **strict** Time limits of *1hr 45mins* and/or 6 Innings.
2. Youth Pitcher Play
3. **Steals allowed**- If the ball is in the catcher's mitt and/or makes an attempt on the ball.
4. **Slides are always feet first.**
5. **No Bunts allowed**
6. If the ball is caught, runners on base must wait until ball is caught before running to the next base. (Tag-ups)
7. Three outs end the inning.
8. Play is conducted with a regular baseball.
9. Everyone must wear a helmet when batting.
10. Catchers must wear catchers equipment and if needed will be provided.
11. Teams will play with **9** in the field.
12. If a team is short players then the opposing team will provide players from their teams ***if agreed upon.***
13. An umpire will be used in games.
14. Score is kept.
15. Coaches must inform the opposing team of their batting line-up.
16. On third strike and catcher drops the ball runner can attempt advance to first base if it is unoccupied and the opposing team could attempt an out upon the runner.
17. All must line up and shake hands when game is over as proper sportsmanship.
18. Parents are to conduct themselves with respect for themselves and others because we are roll models for our youth. 0 tolerances for negative behavior. Parents could be asked to leave if behavior is disruptive.

* Ages are usually from 10-13 and can be 14 if turned 14 after May 1st.

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