

T-Ball FALL 2021 Playing Rules **Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken League** **(8/15/21)**

This league will seek to implant in the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence so they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults.

These rules do not take the place of any official Babe Ruth or Cal Ripken rules as published in the official baseball rule book. These rules pertain to local league play only.

- Players' ages are four to six, as of May 1st of the current season. *(5/1/22 for Fall 2021)*
Note: more than 10 players (4 outfielders) on the field is not allowed.
- Ball – Rawlings ROTB 1 Level 1
- Having a catcher is advised but not mandatory
- A real or imaginary playing line is between first baseline and third baseline or an arc 40 feet from home plate. No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit.
- Every player bats each inning.
- The ball is hit off a batting tee.
- Starting on **September 18th**, coaches are encouraged to pitch to kids (6 pitches)- Pitched Overhand- if no contact Tee is brought out.
- There are no walks or strikeouts.
- The ball must travel 10 feet, or it is a foul.
- No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- Offensive team will clear bases when 3 outs are recorded by the defensive team - The team continues batting until all kids have hit 1 time.
- Standard game is three innings.
- Scores are not kept.
- Safety helmets must be worn when batting or running the bases.
- Bats – All bats must comply with the USABat Standard or USABat T-Ball Sticker Program
<http://www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules.aspx>
- Gloves - 12" long, max.
- Tee - adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.
- Athletic footwear.
- Sliding is not allowed

Field of Play

- The center of the pitcher's area is 38 feet from the point of home plate.
- 50 feet between the bases.