

8 & Under (T-Ball) Rules
Effective January 2007

Description	8U	Comments
Pitching Distance	25 ft.	
Base Distance	50 ft.	
Game Length	3 Innings -or- 60 min.	
Speed Up Rule * amended 01/2006	Yes	In the first inning all players will bat. No outs will be recorded. In each inning after, 3 outs or once through the batting order , whichever comes first, will end the inning. In order for the players to understand the concept of the game, it is important to reward the fielding team for completing an out on defense.
Minimum Number of Players	6	
Grace Period	Yes	* 15 min delay until forfeiture. Game length will be shortened by delayed time. In 10U-16U divisions a 2 run penalty will be assessed to the late team, after the Grace Period
Rotation Rule* amended 08/2003	Yes	*Each Player must play at least 1 inning each game in an Infield position, with the exception of Catcher and Pitcher. Any exception must be authorized by the Board Of Directors.
Thrown Bats	Yes	Unintentional or not, bats thrown by a batter for more than 6 feet from the batter's box get one warning per game, per team. Batters will be called out on subsequent bat throws.
Player Hitting * amended 01/2007		In the first inning all players will bat. If the pitcher (Coach) throws 3 "Balls" the "Tee" will be brought out. The batter will assume the current count (if any stikes have been thrown) or receive 2 swings from the "Tee". If a foul bal is hit, off of the "Tee" or off of the pitcher an additional swing is issued for each foul ball "hit". All "hits" must advance past the six foot arc in front of the plate. In the second inning, it would be appropriate to use the standard 3 "outs" to formulate the understanding of the game.
Coach Pitching * amended 01/2007	Three pitches, then tee is used for two swings.	* The Coach will pitch 3 pitches to each batter. If a ball is not hit, player will get two opportunities to hit from the tee. If a ball is not hit from the pitcher or from the tee, the batter is out.
Sliding	No	
Bunting	No	
Advance on overthrows	No	
Defensive Positions	All-Players	In the appropriate fielding positions.
Injuries	*	* If a player must leave the line-up due to injury, illness or another engagement, the team WILL NOT be charged with an out in her batting position as long as the team with the departing player notifies the other team prior to the departing player's at bat.
Negative Cheers	No*	The League does not tolerate "Negative" cheers. Coaches and Managers must monitor their Players and Fans, and abide by the Code Of Conduct.