

# 2025 UNION GROVE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS FOR T-BALL LEAGUE

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The role of managers and coaches is to teach youth baseball. Teaching good sportsmanship and developing youth to become responsible citizens through fair play and teamwork is as important as developing a winning attitude.

All league games will start promptly at their scheduled game times and have a time limit of 1 hour. T-Ball League games are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## RULES

- 1) The T-Ball League will be coed.
- 2) The T-Ball League will consist of 4 practices and 8 games throughout May and June.
- 3) Games will be 4 innings or 1hr max game play.
- 4) All games will be played at UGYBA facilities within the Village of Union Grove.

## REGISTRATION AND GRADE ELIGIBILITY

- 1) A player's grade is determined to be the player's grade at the time of registration (Jan-April) of the current baseball season year. The regular player grade for the T-Ball division is grade 4k. Some players who will be entering 4k in the fall will be allowed to play, but these players must stay in T-ball the following year, during their 4k year.
- 2) Registration opens January 1st of each year.
- 3) Registered players will receive a hat and jersey.

## THE TEAM

- 1) All teams will have a roster approved by the commissioner.
- 2) Only rostered players may participate in any and all games.
- 3) Teams will be kept as small as possible to promote more reps and more participation.
- 4) One volunteer head coach will be assigned to each team and given a hat and jersey. Additional coaches and parent helpers are encouraged.

## THE FIELD

- 1) T-Ball League fields shall have 60 foot bases.
- 2) The pitcher position should be approximately 40 feet away from home plate.
- 3) This is a developmental league, therefore both offensive and defensive coaches will be allowed on the field during play. Offensive coaches will be allowed to be traditional base coaches and be positioned at both first and third base. Defensive coaches can be in the field of play, but must be positioned behind the base paths at all times.
- 4) Both offensive and defensive coaches are expected to help **ALL** players on the field with basic playing skills.

## GAME PLAY

- 1) All T-Ball league games will use a continuous batting lineup and all players will bat every inning. A tee will be used, there will be no balls or strikes, players will swing until they hit the ball.
- 2) Defensive substitutions are open, all players will play in the field every defensive inning. Players in the pitching position should be at least 40 feet away from home plate until the ball is hit, outfielders are not needed.
- 3) Fielders will attempt to make outs, but any runner called out will be allowed to stay on the base and run the bases.

## GAME SCORING AND GAMECHANGER

- 1) No score will be kept. Coaches should keep track of innings and play four innings, or until the 1hr time limit is reached.
- 2) Game schedules and makeup games will be done via GameChanger. Additional communications from coaches or league officials will take place on GameChanger.

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## **EQUIPMENT**

- 1) UGYBA will issue equipment to head coaches. All equipment must be returned at the end of the season.
- 2) Players will be responsible for having their own glove, batting helmet, and athletic shoes.
- 3) The home team's tee and baseballs will be used for games.
- 4) Bats must have a barrel diameter of 2 3/4 or less. Each player does NOT have to have their own bat, bats can be shared between players.
- 5) All league players must wear approved batting helmets at all times while at bat or running the bases.

**The UGYBA Facebook page and GameChanger will be used for weather/cancelation of games**

## **UGYBA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1) Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that displays good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- 2) Coaches will not use foul language at any time while conducting a game or practice.
- 3) Coaches will be equally representative of good sportsmanship in winning and losing.
- 4) Coaches will make sure that all players treat equipment and uniforms in the proper manner.
- 5) Coaches will know and follow all game rules that apply.
- 6) Coaches are encouraged to give all players a fair chance to participate in multiple defensive positions in games and practices.