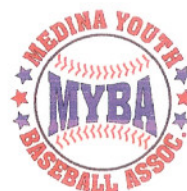


Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc.  
T-Ball League Rules-



1. The T-Ball League of Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc. (MYBA) is for Medina-area boys and girls whose birthdates are between the designated dates listed on the annual Official MYBA registration form.
2. T-Ball League will play on fields at A.I. Root Middle School. There are three T-Ball fields located in the grassy area toward West Sturbridge Drive. They are numbered accordingly. **PARKING IS ONLY ALLOWED IN THE MAIN PARKING LOT. THE POLICE WILL TICKET CARS THAT ARE PARKED ON THE GRASS OR ALONG THE DRIVE.**
3. All games shall be immediately suspended at any sight of lightning by MYBA Officials and Coaches. Coaches and players must exit the playing field. Lightning sightings suspend game restart by 30 minutes. (Game time will end per original start time restrictions).
4. The Head Coach of the home team is responsible for contacting the commissioner regarding any uncompleted games due to weather. The commissioner will contact the proper individual for rescheduling games.
5. Each Head Coach must ensure that all players have been picked up after the conclusion of each game. Parents must always ensure that arrangements to pick up their children have been made in case of personal scheduling conflicts.
6. **T-Ball teams will use batting tees that are located in the jobox. Coaches will pitch to players initially prior to the use of tees; this will help train players for hitting a live ball. COACHES WILL PITCH FROM THE KNEE(S) at 25ft.**
7. Each jobox will be equipped with two helmet caddies equipped with five helmets, one set of throw down bases, two bats, and batting tees. A First Aid kit is also included in the jobox.
8. Each game will consist of four innings and last no longer than one hour. No inning may begin within five minutes of the end of the one-hour time limit. Both coaches should agree upon the start time of the game. That time will determine the time frame of the game.
9. Each inning will consist of every player on the offensive team batting once. No player may bat more than one time in an inning.
10. There will be no score keeping for any games played in the T-Ball League.
11. Players should be in uniform but consideration should be taken for lost hats. If a player has registered after the league deadline, he/she may not have received a jersey in time for the first few games. The player should wear a t-shirt in the color of the team uniform if he has one available.
12. Players will not wear earrings, finger rings, watches or any other form of jewelry (seen or unseen) while on the playing field, in dugouts, or during practices or games.
13. No players will wear sunglasses unless they are prescription glasses.
14. Every player shall be entered in the batting order. There shall be no changes to the batting order once the game has begun, unless a change is required due to injury or illness occurring to a player. Late-arriving players may be added to the bottom of the line-up.
15. T-Ball will use nine defensive players: a first baseman, a second baseman, a shortstop, a third baseman, one player at pitcher but only to field, and four outfielders. The catcher's position shall be unoccupied.
16. An emphasis will be placed on players learning to stay in their assigned defensive area during each play.
17. Coaches can place themselves throughout the playing field to assist with helping players learn the basic skills of baseball. Coaches are not permitted to touch the ball while the ball is in play.
18. Each coach will pitch to his/her team.
19. **Each batter will receive a maximum of SEVEN OVERHAND PITCHES. If the batter has not hit the pitched ball, the tee will be used. When hitting off the tee the batter is allowed to swing until the ball is hit into fair territory.**
20. There are no walks or strikeouts.

21. Each batter has a possibility of a ground rule double if hit to the outfield. No runner/batter will advance more than 2 bases. Once the ball is thrown into infield the play and any advancement is stopped. The only exception to this rule is the last batter of every inning will hit a homerun to clear the bases.
22. There are no outs in T-Ball. However, if an offensive player is out by the "normal rules" of baseball, that player will be sent back to his/her bench by his/her head/assistant coach. The offensive head coach will make the final decision, if the player is technically out. This rule is to help the players understand that there are "outs" in baseball, which will help prepare them for Farm 7/8.
23. There shall be NO LEAD-OFFS, STEALING or BUNTING in T-Ball.
24. Players should avoid contact at all times when baserunning. Head-first sliding is not allowed and players are not required to slide.
25. Each T-Ball team will have a BENCH COACH. The bench coach will assist with the batting order and field positions and help maintain bench discipline.
26. All players will play every position during the season.
27. All batters and baserunners are required to wear a batting helmet.
28. Players and coaches may not wear metal spikes.
29. Any player who purposely throws any piece of equipment should be given a verbal warning. If the player commits a second offense, he/she must sit out the next two innings. If the offense is at the end of a game, that suspension will be enforced at the beginning of the next scheduled game.
30. No player is permitted to berate or use any verbal sounds to disturb the opposing player. Example: Saying, "batter batter...swing" or "he is an easy out" will not be permitted.
31. No player, coach, parent or person shall verbally abuse, berate, swear or intimidate any player, coach, parent or person. THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE FIELD.
32. If a coach, player, parent or person has been removed from a game, the board's approval may be required before that individual is permitted to attend or be involved with a game. Head coaches must report all occurrences to the League Commissioner.

#### Field Set-up and Maintenance

- A. Home team will occupy the third base dugout or bench.
- B. Bases will be set at 50 feet. The pitcher mound will be set at 25 feet away from home plate.
- C. Bases will be the throw-down style.
- D. Each team will be given an equal amount of practice time on the field before a game starts.
- E. Helmet caddies will be used during each game by each team. They are to be stored properly in the jobox after each game by rolling them up and snapping the caddy closed.
- F. Dugouts/Bench area will be cleaned of all debris after each game.
- G. Players and fans shall not climb the fences nor sit on joboxes.
- H. If there is a second game scheduled on the same field, the teams playing the earlier game should remove themselves from the dugout/bench area as quickly as possible. Any post-game meetings should be held away from the playing area.
- I. Occasionally the field might need additional work before a scheduled game. Each T-Ball team should have a group of parents willing to assist with field preparation.
- J. City of Medina employees are not permitted to work on any Medina City School properties until school has been dismissed for the summer.
- K. There might not be field prep performed on the weekends.
- L. Coaches should make every attempt to be at the field no less than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time. If there has been inclement weather, the coaches should check the fields at least one hour prior to game start. If additional field prep is warranted, a volunteer ground crew will still have time to get this accomplished before the scheduled start. Every reasonable effort should be attempted to complete each game on its assigned date and time.
- M. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED at any MYBA-endorsed games.
- N. MYBA has a "NO SMOKING" policy near players, benches and grandstand areas during practices and games.

- O. Any desired schedule changes shall be requested from the League Commissioner. He should be contacted as soon as possible to ensure that the particular game could be rescheduled.

#### Additional Responsibilities of Head Coaches

- I. Coaches are to submit via e-mail, the 1<sup>st</sup> assistant & other assistant coaches' e-mail/phone information for immediate team contact for the purpose of communication in the absence of the head coach. This will be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of games and will be forwarded to the commissioner.
- II. Coaches are to check at website for any schedule changes or re-schedules of games due to weather. Also to check with the update MYBA hotline as progressing weather for any cancellations
- III. During games, all coaches should wear the shirts that have been provided by MYBA.
- IV. **Coaches are expected to instruct the game of baseball, teach and advise players regarding outs, and to maintain a good atmosphere on the ball field.**
  - I. Only coaches and players are allowed in the dugout/bench area.
  - II. Each Head Coach will be given keys to the jobboxes located at their particular field of play. No one is allowed to make copies of any MYBA-provided keys. Any loss of keys should be reported to the League Commissioner. Each coach will ensure the boxes have been locked before leaving the field.
  - III. Once the season has been completed, all head coaches will return any equipment, including jobbox keys, to the League Commissioner within forty-eight hours after their team's last game.

#### Head Coaches' Objectives

- i. Because Medina Youth Baseball is an instructional league, all Coaches have the duty to instruct all players about the basic fundamentals of baseball.
- ii. Medina Youth Baseball believes in all players having fun playing the game of baseball and insuring that each player has been given the opportunity to improve his or her playing abilities.
- iii. Each Head Coach should teach fair sportsmanship through example and discussion with the players.
- iv. Each Coach should instruct proper fielding, batting, and throwing techniques, as well as proper defensive positioning.
- v. Heckling or berating of the opposing team's players is not allowed.
- vi. Players should learn that it is more important to play to the best of their ability during each game, not recording wins or losses.

Please contact the League Commissioner for clarification of any league rule.

**REC BALL GAMES CANNOT BE PROTESTED. PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REC BALL, T-BALL COMMISSIONER, OR ANY MYBA BOARD MEMBER WITH ANY PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS.**