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## **Valley Little League**

**P.O. Box 15335**

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### ***T Ball Game Rules***

#### **1. Overview**

In order to develop the future players of Valley Little League, the T Ball program is structured for the players to not only learn the fundamentals of baseball but learn to enjoy the game as well.

#### **2. Practices**

Each team is required to hold a minimum of two (2) practices prior to the beginning of the season unless prevented due to weather.

The League has adopted the use of following the techniques developed by [www.Tee-Ball-Drills.com](http://www.Tee-Ball-Drills.com) to run its practices and help players learn the fundamentals of baseball. Coaches shall tailor the drills provided in this reference to suit the needs of their team and players.

#### **3. Games**

- a. Players shall arrive at the fields a minimum of 15 minutes before the start of the scheduled game
- b. Each team shall develop its batting order at the beginning of the season and use it through out
- c. Each team shall rotate through who is the lead off batter for a game starting with the first player in the lineup and working their way to the last, once the last player is reached, start with the first player in the lineup again
- d. Each inning only half of the team will bat. When the last player of the inning bats, all players run home and the inning is complete
- e. Teams shall play a minimum of four (4) innings per game (only exception is the no inning shall start after 8pm rule)
- f. Teams shall rotate player positions on the field each inning. Players shall be assigned to a position by the coaches, including the outfield positions, to develop the players understanding of how structured games are played. Coaches need to control which player fields the ball to avoid the "herd" effect of several players attempting to field the ball simultaneously.
- g. For the first three (3) games all kids shall hit from the tee. After the third game kids who do not wish to hit from the tee can be pitched to by a coach.

#### **4. Attendance**

Players are expected to show up for all games regardless of weather. If a player will miss a game due to vacations, illness or other conflicts the coach shall be notified by the player's guardian in advance. Phone numbers for all coaches are listed at the top of the League schedules.