

# BETH - WOOD TEE BALL LEAGUE 2018 "LOCAL RULES"

The following "Local" Rules shall govern for play of the Tee Ball League Division in the Beth - Wood Baseball League (B - W):

- 1. Games are to be at least three (3) full innings of play. **NO** score is kept, so there are no winners or losers!!
- 2. All Players on the Team play in the field (i.e., use short field and insert Player between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> basemen), in addition to regular positions.
- 3. Coaches of the defensive Team in the field are allowed to be on the field but out of the way, instructing their Players what to do with the ball when hit.
- 4. It is required that Coaches rotate their Players in the field after each inning (i.e., from the infield to the outfield) do <u>NOT</u> keep Players at a single position the entire game!!
- 5. A Catcher is not necessary in Tee Ball. The batting Team's Coach and / or Parent may catch.
- 6. When batting, each Team shall go through their order once each inning (even if the defensive Team records 3 outs). Coaches are suggested to mix up their batting orders after each game.
- 7. If a Player makes an out, acknowledge the out in the field and remove the Player from the base paths.

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- 8. Coaches may use their own discretion when a Player has had unsuccessful attempts trying to hit the ball off the tee. Coaches are allowed to help that Player swing.
  - Starting in the middle of the Season, Coaches may opt to begin pitching to their Players but may also use the batting tee as well for those Players who might experience difficulty with live pitching.
- 9. There is <u>NO</u> stealing of bases and <u>NO</u> leading off bases. Sliding is <u>NOT</u> encouraged.
- 10. Coaches are to encourage their Players to run out hits in the field and to allow them to make the most of each hit (i.e., do not stop them at first base if they could have a double, triple or more especially a home run). Also, Players are not allowed to take more than 1 base on an overthrow.
- 11. Coaches are to instruct their Players <u>NOT</u> to throw their bats after hitting the ball; teach them how to drop it when running to first. We do not want to see any injuries of this nature!!
- 12. When running out a hit, Coaches are to instruct their Players to run over the first base bag and make the turn to the foul line when running to first.
- 13. In case of rainouts, these games will be <u>NOT</u> be made up !! They will be cancelled in their entirety.
- 14. After the game has ended, Coaches are to form their Teams in a line and shake hands with the opposing Team.

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- 15. Coaches are to use their discretion if a game has started and begins to rain. If the field in your opinion becomes unsafe to continue play, then stop the game immediately. If there are sounds of thunder and you spot lightening, quickly gather up the equipment and take cover in your cars. If the storm passes and the field is playable, you may resume play; if not, then the rest of the game is cancelled.
- 16. For the 2018 Season, <u>ALL</u> bats <u>MUST</u> comply with the USA Bat Standards and <u>MUST</u> specifically bear the USABat licensing mark on them NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED!!

#### **Penalty**

- a. If an illegal bat is discovered prior to the Batter completing his "at bat", the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" continues.
- b. Any bat discovered prior to the game that does **NOT** conform to the rule above shall be immediately removed and **NOT** allowed for use during the game as well as for the rest of the Season (Team Managers shall perform these inspections and shall be responsible for enforce this for their respective Teams).

#### **KEEP THE GAMES FUN AND INSTRUCTIONAL!!**