

SHREVEPORT DIXIE BASEBALL 2017 FALL BALL--- T-BALL RULES

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Age breakdown:
A child must be four (4) by August 31 of the current year. A child cannot become six (6) before September 1 of the current year.
2. It is the coach's responsibility to put only players of proper age on roster.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

1. Double flap helmets with face mask is be **MANDATORY** for all those batting, running bases, and waiting in the on deck circle. A cap may be worn under helmet.
2. It is **MANDATORY** that all catchers wear a batting helmet.

GAME REGULATIONS

1. Pitching and base distances:
40 feet - pitching distance
50 feet - base distance
1. Duration of game: All games will be sixty (60) minutes. The game will stop when the time limit is up. The batter at the plate will finish his bat then the game is over. Home team does not have to have last bat.
2. Base running:
Runners must hold their base until the ball is hit.
Runners cannot steal bases.
2. *Shreveport Dixie will furnish one game ball for each game for T-Ball only.*
3. Teams will play ten (10) defensive players. You may start the game with nine (9) players, but if a team does not have nine (9) players to play, you may use a player from another team in your league. The borrowed player must be on a Shreveport Dixie Baseball fall baseball roster.
4. T-Ball teams will bat ten (10) batters or three (3) outs per inning. All children will be put in the batting order and will hit when their turn comes. The batting order will not change during the game. If a player misses his turn at bat for any reason, his/her turn will be skipped and no out will be charged. All players listed in the batting order will play defensively for at least one inning.

5. Manager or coach may stand near batters or defensive players to offer advice and instructions, but may not interfere with play. Only one defensive coach may be in the field with his players, and he must remain on the outfield grass. Two coaches may be used on defense if they stand in foul territory in the outfield. The offensive coach cannot physically position the batter.

6. The infield fly rule is NOT applicable in T-Ball.

7. A batting tee will be furnished by SHREVEPORT DIXIE BASEBALL. The batter will be allowed to swing at the ball for a maximum of three (3) times. On the third swing, if the batter hits a foul ball, the batter will receive another swing until he/she hits a fair ball or misses on the swing.

8. Hitting: The batter will not be permitted to bunt or take a half-swing. If, in the umpire's judgment, the batter does not take a full swing, he may call the batter back to swing again, calling the hit ball, foul.

9. Umpires will use their judgment on running out of the baseline when it does not interfere with the play.

10. Pitchers will remain within the circle drawn around the pitcher's mound until the ball is hit. He is to stand either on or behind the pitching rubber.

11. Base runners may not advance once the pitcher has control of the ball and remains in the pitching circle.

12. All runners can advance one base ONLY on an over-throw to first base, unless player attempts to make another out at any other base. This is not an automatic advance of one base, unless the ball leaves the playing field.

13. If a child becomes hurt and crying, a courtesy player may be used while the child regains his composure or is checked for injury. The child may return to the game in the next half inning without penalty.

14. A semi-circle will be drawn three (3) feet in front of the edge of home plate and a batted ball must advance beyond this line, or it will count as a foul ball.

15. One (1) team warning will be given to batter that slings bat. If any batter of the warned team slings the bat a second time, the batter is out.

16. All coaches not in position at the batting tee, in the outfield, or in the coach's boxes must stay inside the dugout. Coaches are not allowed to stand in front of the dugout on the playing field.

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