



Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc.

T-Ball 3-4 Instructional League Rules

1. The T-Ball 3-4 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 3-4 League will play on fields at A.I. Root Middle School & Ella Canavan Elementary School.
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 minute, (with the game time ending per the 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 scheduler for rescheduling games.
5. Each child needs to have a parent or an adult present at all practices and games.
6. Each jo-box will be equipped with helmets, one set of throw down bases, two bats and a batting tee. A First Aid Kit is also included in the jo-box. Helmets are mandatory for all hitters and base runners.
7. Each game will consist of Two innings and last no longer than one hour, time permitting. There will be a 30 minute **skills practice that will be before each game**, this will teach the kids the fundamentals of the game.
8. Each inning will consist of every player on the offensive team batting once. No player may bat more than one time in an inning. There will be no score keeping for any games played in the T-Ball 3-4 league.
9. Players should be in uniform (Jersey and Hat) but consideration should be taken for lost hats.
10. No players will wear sunglasses unless they are prescription glasses.
11. No more than 2 coaches can be placed 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.
12. There are no outs in T-Ball 3-4 league.
13. Each T-Ball 3-4 team will have a Bench Coach. The bench coach will assist with the batting order and field positions and help maintain bench discipline.
14. All Players must rotate between the infield and outfield positions every inning. Playing time throughout the season should be even for all players.
15. Players are not allowed to swing a bat unless they are up to bat or supervised by a coach. This is to prevent injury in the bench or dugout area.
16. All MYBA Coaches are required to get a designated background check. No parent or coach may be in the dugout, coaching, or running a practice without the back ground check being sub-mitted and approved by MYBA.

Instructional Practice Plan before Each Game

The Practice plan will be divided up into 2 groups and they will switch after 15 minutes:

Group 1 - the Home team will be at the Batting Tee station (3 tees) on how to hit a baseball. Each child should get approx. 8-10 swings in. Will need a coach at every station.

Group 2 - the Visiting team will be working on how to catch a ground ball and base running drills.

Field set up and Maintenance

- A. Home team will occupy the third base dugout or bench.
- B. Bases will be the throw-down style.
- C. Dugouts/bench area will be cleaned of all debris after each game.
- D. Player and fans shall not climb the fences nor sit on the jo-boxes.
- E. 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 field.
- F. If there has been inclement weather, the coaches should check the fields at least one hour prior to game time. If additional field prep is warranted, a volunteer ground crew will still have time to get this accomplished before the scheduled start, if a crew is available. Every reasonable effort should be attempted to complete each game on its assigned date and time.
- G. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED at any MYBA endorsed game.
- H. MYBA has a "NO SMOKING" policy near players, benches and grandstand areas during practices and games.
- I. Any desired schedule changes shall be requested from the league commissioner. He should be contacted as soon as possible to ensure that the particular games can be rescheduled.

Additional Responsibilities of Head Coaches

- I. Coaches are to submit via email, all assistant coaches' e-mail, phone info, for immediate team contact for the purpose of communication in the absence of the head coach. This will be submitted before the season begins and will be forwarded to the league commissioner.
- II. Coaches are to check the MYBA website for any schedule changes or re-schedules of games due to weather. Also to check with the update of MYBA hotline as progressing weather of any cancellations. The MYBA hotline number is 330-725-6488(MITT).
- III. 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.
- IV. Only coaches and players are allowed in the dugout/bench area.
- VI. Each Head Coach will be given keys to the jo-boxes 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.
- VII. Once the season has been completed, all head coaches will return any equipment, including jo-box keys, to the League Commissioner within forty-eight hours after their team's last game.

Head Coaches Objectives

- i. 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/her playing abilities.
- iii. Each head Coach should teach fair sportsmanship through example and discussion with the players.

Please contact the league Commissioner for clarification of any league rule. Recreation baseball games cannot be protested. Please contact the League Commissioner or Director of Recreation Baseball for any issues that may arise or questions that you may have.