



## **Tee Ball Division Local Rules**

Woodland Hills Sunrise Little League is bound by the Little League Baseball Rulebook (the “Rulebook”). Please read and be familiar with the current edition (2021) of the Rulebook, **which can be downloaded and accessed on any smart device**. Local rules exist only to clarify issues pertaining to our league; questions and requests for interpretation of the rules should be forwarded to the league president for discussion with the Board of Directors, as appropriate.

### **Section 1. General Game Rules**

- Time Limit:** 75-minute time limit or a maximum of four (4) complete innings, whichever comes first.  
**Exception:** Games must end by sunset time as listed on the Sunrise game schedule.
- Pitching:** No players are allowed to pitch.
- Batting:** Continuous batting order (every player bats).
- Substitution:** All players must play in the field every defensive inning.
- Minimum Players:** Games will be allowed to be played with a minimum of eight (8) players. Players may be borrowed from the opposing team, without approval from the Player Agent, to make a minimum of eight (8) players.
- Run Rule:** **None.** No score is kept in this division.

### **Section 2. Game 1-6 Considerations**

- The defensive team is allowed **three (3)** Board of Directors-approved adult manager/coaches in the field. One should be positioned in a kneeling position behind the pitching mound or in foul territory between home and first base or home and third base in front of their respective dugout. The other adult should be positioned in the outfield grass.  
– OR – Manager may place two coaches in the outfield behind the outfielders for a maximum of 2 coaches total in the field.
- Batters must use the tee for batting.

### **Section 3. Considerations for the Remaining Games**

- Pitches will be thrown by an adult coach kneeling approximately halfway between the pitcher’s mound and the batter.
- The batter will have up to three pitches to put the ball in play.
- If the batter does not put the ball in play after three (3) pitches, then a tee will be used for the rest of the at-bat.
- **Exception:** Pitching shall continue after a foul ball on the third or subsequent pitches until no contact with the ball is made; thereafter, the tee shall be used.
- There will be no defensive managers/coaches allowed on the playing field during play.



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### Section 4. Offense

- The tee may be placed on any part of home plate.
- Three adult coaches are allowed on the field: at first base, third base and home plate (tee coach).
- It is the tee coach's responsibility to remove the tee after the ball is hit.
- A batted ball off the tee that touches the infield grass is a hit.
- A batted ball off the tee that fails to touch the infield grass is a foul ball.
- A batted ball off a coach pitch that travels any distance in fair territory is a fair ball.
- A half-inning consists of four runners crossing home plate or three outs, whichever comes first.
- Upon the final out of the half-inning, the base runners must not continue to circle the bases. The half-inning ends when the final runner has crossed home plate or when the third out of that half-inning is recorded.
- Bunting, stealing, and tagging-up are not allowed.
- Base runners are not allowed to advance as a result of a wild pitch, overthrow or any catcher's throw.
- The Infield Fly rule is not in effect.
- Players arriving after the start of a game must be inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
- If a player is forced to leave the game due to injury, ejection, or any other reason, their spot in the batting order shall be vacated and the order shall continue as if the player had never been in the game.
- Any player removed from a game due to injury may re-enter at any time.

### Section 5. General Offense Guidelines:

The following three items are offense guidelines (not rules) for the acceptable behavior of each team's coaching staff:

- A ball hit to the infield should result in no more than a single.
- A ball stopped by (or in the general vicinity of) an outfielder (whether fielded cleanly or not) should result in a single or a double.
- A ball hit well past an outfielder may result in a single, double, triple or home run.

### Section 6. Defense

- There shall be a maximum of seven (7) infielders, consisting of a pitcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, short stop, rover (positioned directly in front of 2B) and catcher (optional).
- Only the short stop and third baseman may play on the left side of the infield.
- Infielders must not be placed in the baseline. If a fielder obstructs a runner, the runner shall not be called out.
- A catcher must wear 1) a batting helmet with a face guard, or catcher's mask, and 2) a throat guard; the catcher must be positioned in either corner of the backstop until the ball is hit.



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- Pitchers must start with both feet in front of the pitching rubber.
- Outfielders must start each play with their feet on the outfield grass.
- All defensive players shall maintain their defensive positions until the ball is hit.
- Managers must rotate all of their players on an equal and fair basis.
- Players must not play consecutive innings in the outfield.
- After the sixth game, players should be encouraged to make “baseball plays” by throwing the ball to a covered base where appropriate, instead of running the ball to a base.

### Section 7. Coaches

- Only adult coaches may coach the bases.

### Section 8. Pitching

- **See game considerations on page 1.**
- After the ball is hit, adult pitchers must make every effort to vacate the field and avoid interfering with the play.
- Any ball hitting an adult pitcher will be considered a “dead ball” and runners will advance one base.
- Adult pitchers will instruct the batter only.
- Both teams will pitch from the same location, regardless of the pitcher’s arm preference/motion.
- If a batter is hit by a pitched ball, the ball is considered “dead” and no pitch is recorded.

### Section 9. Umpiring

- Tee-Ball will be umpired by the Managers, coaches or volunteer parents of the participating teams.
- **Exception:** The umpire-in-chief may assign an umpire to work a specific game or prohibit an umpire from working a specific game.
- The umpire shall not put the ball in play until all players are in their proper positions.
- The plate umpire will declare “baseball ready, ball on tee!”
- In all situations, the umpire’s rulings shall prevail. Judgment calls are not subject to discussion or argument.

### Section 10. Covid-19 Protocols

- **All Covid-19 Protocols as set forth on the Sunrise website must be followed, including mask wearing and social distancing in all areas, including the dugout.**
- **Handshakes at the end of the game are not permitted.**

Unless otherwise specified in these local Rules, all rules found in the Rulebook apply.