

M.T.A.A. T-Ball & Coach Pitch Baseball Rules

1. Rules - General

- 1.1. If a particular rule is not addressed in these M.T.A.A. Knee-Hi League Baseball rules, The "Official Baseball Rules" will govern play in all cases. A copy of the rule book will be available at the tournament.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. All Players must:

- 2.1.1. Meet the requirements set forth in the **M.T.A.A. By-Laws Article III-Membership; Section 5.**

- 2.1.2. Meet Age Requirements

- 2.1.2.1. T-Ball players shall turn 5 years of age by May 1 of the current baseball season, but may not turn 7 years of age before May 1 of the current baseball season.

- 2.1.2.2. Coach Pitch players shall turn 7 years of age by May 1 of the current baseball season, but may not turn 8 years of age before May 1 of the current baseball season.

- 2.1.2.3. M.T.A.A. reserves the right to require a Player to produce a Birth Certificate or legal document signifying date of birth.

- 2.1.3. Play for the team he/she is assigned to.

- 2.1.4. Sign-up for each new season on dates appointed by the Commissioner and approved by the M.T.A.A. Board.

- 2.2. Player's who sign up after the teams have been assigned shall be placed on the next team in order. Player's may sign up until two weeks prior to the first game.

3. Teams

- 3.1. All Teams shall be assigned by the T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner.

- 3.2. Minimum number of players on a roster is 11.

4. Equipment

- 4.1. No metal spikes allowed.

- 4.2. Little League approved bats only.

5. Conduct

5.1. Head Coach and Assistant Coaches

- 5.1.1. A Head Coach and all Assistant Coaches shall meet the requirements and fulfill the duties set forth in the **M.T.A.A. By-Laws Article X –Coaches & Article XI-Assistant Coaches**

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- 5.1.2. All Coaches must be an M.T.A.A. member with current status
- 5.1.3. Use of alcohol, profanity or any type of tobacco use shall not be permitted on or around any fields of play at an M.T.A.A. event or practice.
- 5.1.4. Harassment of Coaches and players by Coaches is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from the game and/or the playing area. If a Coach, is asked to leave the playing area by an M.T.A.A. official and refuses the game shall be halted until the Coach complies.
- 5.1.5. Head Coaches are responsible for but not limited to:
 - 5.1.5.1. the conduct of their Assistant Coaches, players, player's parents and spectators.
 - 5.1.5.2. keeping parents and spectators off the field of play, including dugouts. If necessary, Coaches shall solicit the assistance of the T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner or M.T.A.A. Board Member on Duty.
- 5.1.6. If a Head Coach is asked to leave the playing area, he will lose his field privilege for the following game and be subject to M.T.A.A. Board review to determine if any further disciplinary action is warranted. If an Assistant Coach is asked to leave the playing area, he will lose his field privileges for the next two games and be subject to M.T.A.A. Board review to determine if further disciplinary action is warranted.
- 5.1.7. Coaches may stand outside the dugout at their own risk.
- 5.1.8. Coaches may not converse with the opposing team's players, or yell out, in a manner in which may tend to harass, intimidate, confuse, distract or pressure the opposing team's players.
- 5.1.9. If a Coach deems that a player is continually causing problems or has committed an action that he feels requires disciplinary action, he shall inform the T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner of the situation prior to taking any disciplinary action. The T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner **MUST** approve the disciplinary action.
- 5.1.10. Coaches shall inform all players of practice and games or rescheduled games in a timely manner, so that all players have the opportunity of attending. A Coach's Failure to do so will be subject to M.T.A.A. Board review to determine if any further disciplinary action is warranted.

5.2. Players

- 5.2.1. Players shall show respect for, be considerate of, and display a positive attitude towards teammates, Coaches, opposing players and parents. Harassment of teammates, Coaches, and opposing players is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.
- 5.2.2. Players are expected to participate and be on time to every practice and game as to the best of their ability. If a player is unable to attend, parents shall call their Coach at least two hours prior to the start of a game or practice to inform them.

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- 5.2.3.** Players must wear their complete uniform; shirt, pants and hats to all games.
- 5.2.4.** Players must remain in the dugout if not playing defense or batting. All players batting or in the on-deck circle shall wear a protective batting helmet.
- 5.2.5.** Batboys shall wear protective helmets at all times and should wait for a Coach to tell them when they can retrieve the discarded bat.

5.3. Parents

- 5.3.1.** Use of alcohol, profanity or any type of tobacco use shall not be permitted on or around any fields of play at an M.T.A.A. event or practice.
- 5.3.2.** Harassment of Coaches and players by parents is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from the game and/or the playing area. If a parent is asked to leave the playing area by an M.T.A.A. Official and refuses, the game shall be halted until the parent complies.

6. Game Format

6.1. Game Length

- 6.1.1.** T-Ball 1 hr. 15 min.
- 6.1.2.** Coach Pitch 1 hr. 45 min.

6.2. An inning shall consist of 5 runs or 3 outs, which ever comes first.

6.3. Field Coaches shall be permitted to assist players:

- 6.3.1.** T-Ball shall have two Coaches in the field.
- 6.3.2.** Coach Pitch shall have one Coach in the field.
- 6.3.3.** T-Ball and Coach Pitch are permitted to have a Coach behind the plate to assist the batter.

6.4. No score shall be kept for T-Ball or Coach Pitch.

6.5. A postponed game shall be played on the first available open date as designated by the T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner that will allow both Coaches to be able to field a team.

6.6. A game may be terminated at any point by mutual consent of the Head Coaches, or acting Head Coaches of both teams.

6.7. Games shall be played on 50 ft. base paths with a 38 ft. pitching rubber.

6.8. Coaches will call balls and strikes.

6.9. Coaches shall determine if a base runner is safe or out.

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7. Playing Time

7.1. All Players:

- 7.1.1. shall play defense every other inning..
- 7.1.2. shall be placed in the batting order.
- 7.1.3. may be inserted and removed on defense an unlimited number of times.
- 7.1.4. **MUST** be placed at a new position every inning he is on defense.
- 7.1.5. **MUST** play an infield and an outfield position.

7.2. A player who is being disciplined as per **Section 5.1.9** shall have his/her parents notified a minimum of one day prior to the disciplinary action and given full explanation as to why their child is being disciplined and what the disciplinary action shall be. A player's disciplinary action may not extend beyond the team giving the disciplinary action.

8. Base Running

8.1. Runner Advancement

- 8.1.1. T-Ball runners may only advance one base at a time.
- 8.1.2. Coach Pitch runners may advance one extra base if the ball is hit into the outfield.

8.2. No stealing and no leads

8.3. The base runner must slide or avoid contact if there is a potential play at a base or home plate.

8.4. Protective helmets must be worn at all times by offensive players outside the dugout.

9. Pitching – Coach Pitch

9.1. Inning Limitations

- 9.1.1. A Pitcher may pitch a maximum of 2 innings in one game.
- 9.1.2. A Pitcher may pitch a maximum of 4 innings in a 6 day period.
- 9.1.3. A Pitcher must have 2 complete days of rest, if he/she pitches more than 1 innings in one game before he/she is permitted to pitch again.

9.2. Pitching Procedure

- 9.2.1. Pitcher will throw 3 pitches
- 9.2.2. Coach will throw 4 pitches
- 9.2.3. Batter will hit 1 ball from a batting tee

9.3. One thrown pitch in an inning constitutes one full inning pitched.

9.4. T-Ball pitchers shall wear safety helmets provided by MTAA.

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10. Hitting

- 10.1. All Players shall be placed in the batting line-up. Any player entering the game after it has officially started shall be placed at the end of the batting line-up and take his/her at-bat as the order comes around to their slot.
- 10.2. Throwing of the bat is not permitted. Coaches are asked to help their players with this.

11. Catcher Position

- 11.1. Protective gear, including an athletic cup, complete catchers Head gear, chest protector and shin guards, must be worn at all times.

12. Officials

12.1. The T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner

- 12.1.1. A Commissioner and all Co-Commissioners shall meet the requirements and fulfill the duties set forth in the **M.T.A.A. By-Laws Article IX –Sport Commissioners.**
- 12.1.2. The T-Ball/Coach Pitch Commissioner, or Co-Commissioner(s), shall be responsible for but not limited to:
 - 12.1.2.1. determining, if a game needs to be stopped in mid-play due to any “act of God”.
 - 12.1.2.2. determining whether or not a game shall be postponed due to any “act of God.”
- 12.1.3. The T-Ball/Coach Commissioner shall review these rules in their entirety with all Head Coaches. The Baseball Commissioner shall maintain a list with the signature of all Head Coaches that the rules have been reviewed with them by the T-Ball/Coach Commissioner and that they have understanding of the rules set forth herein and will review said rules with all their Assistant Coaches.