

Larkin 2008 T-Ball / 4-Ball

GAMES

1. All games start at 6:30 p.m. Please be at the field by 6 p.m.
2. Home team (first listed on schedule), is responsible for the field prep and game ball (baseball sized incrediball).
3. Games are 3 innings. You can play more if everyone is up for it.
4. Each inning consists of all players hitting once for each team. The last batter for each team gets to run all the bases to clear them off. Outs are acknowledged, but not kept track of. The 4-Ball players should return to the bench when they are out. The T-Ball players can be left on the base to develop base running attention and skills. Do not argue over out/safe calls, the runner is safe on anything close.
5. Hitters, runners, and on-deck batters must always wear a helmet.
6. The entire team plays defensively. Play the infield positions with all extra players spread around the outfield. Rotate players to a different position every inning to teach them locations on the field.
7. Coaches pitch 5-6 hittable pitches to each batter. If batter fails to get a hit, T-Ball players then get to hit from the T. 4-Ball players are called out and return to the bench.
8. When the batter hits the ball in fair or close to fair territory, they should only advance one base at a time unless the hit really justifies an additional base. T-Ball, no extra bases on overthrows. 4-Ball, you can start introducing this concept.
9. Try to have the game finished by 7:30 p.m. Attention spans are short and bedtimes are early at this age.
10. Encourage parent participation!! There is no limit to the number of parents that can be on the field at one time.
11. Insist that each child has an adult that stays during practices and games.
12. Positive comments for your team and the other team are expected; respect and sportsmanship is strongly encouraged.
13. Coaches schedule pre-season practices on the same days as game days. Monday and Wednesday for 4-Ball and Tuesday and Thursday for T-Ball.
14. Practice fields and times will be determined at the coaches meeting.