

Schuylkill Haven Recreation T-Ball Rules

This program is intended to introduce fundamental baseball concepts and techniques to young players.

1. Games are 3 innings in length. Games will have a 1 hour time limit, unless the 3rd inning is already in progress.
2. Each child will play the field every inning. It is up to the coaches to position and rotate the players. Coaches should be on the field to instruct their team.
3. Players must remain on the bench until it is their turn to hit.
4. Safety helmets must be worn by both batters and runners.
5. The pitcher must remain in contact with the mound until the ball is hit.
6. All fielders must line up deeper than the pitcher.
7. A ball must travel at least 5 feet or it is considered to be a foul ball. No bunting.
8. A player shall be called out for slinging the bat. (Runners return to their bases)
9. Players may advance one base at a time. There is no stealing.
10. If a batted ball goes into the outfield grass, the runners may advance as many bases as they can until the ball is brought back inside the pitcher's arc. Runners must be past the halfway mark to be awarded the next base. (Coaches discretion)
11. A coach may pitch to a batter. The batter gets a maximum of 5 pitches to hit a fair ball. If the batter doesn't hit a fair ball, the player will then hit off the tee.
12. If a ball is caught in the air, or a batter is thrown out, forced out or tug out, the player is considered to be out. (Close plays always favor the runner) It will be coaches discretion whether the player remains on base, or returns to bench.
13. Starting with the 3rd game of the season, teams hit until there are 3 outs or they bat around.
14. Scores will not be kept.