

## Silver Lake Youth League Rules T-ball/Coaches Pitch

1. Players must arrive on time to all games/practices
2. Players, parents, and observers must treat all league volunteers, and participants with respect. This league is a volunteer based organization, so all coaches, etc. are dedicating their time to these children.
3. Players and parents will be required to follow standard rules of conduct
  - a. Fair play
  - b. Clean fun
  - c. Support and respect the coaches and all players
  - d. Remember that it is to be a fun, learning experience for the children
4. For safety reasons there will be no parking in the grass areas
5. Players are between the ages of 4-8
6. Players on a team - 12 minimum, 20 maximum
7. Every player bats according to the batting order, and plays on the field each game.
8. Athletic footwear is required, no sandals or open-toed shoes
9. Player will have ball pitched to them, 3 times by the team coach, if missed, then the tee must be used. 4 & 5 year olds use the tee only
10. Tee- adjustable, flexible tube, on a movable base
11. Gloves - 12 inches long maximum
12. Bats – 25”/26” long. 2-¼”-diameter max. 17-20 ounces
13. Ball – 9” to 9 ½” around, 4-5 ounces. Softer than a standard baseball. Molded core, or sponge rubber center
14. There are NO walks or strike outs
15. NO STEALING, player stays on base until the ball is hit
16. An inning is over when there are 3 outs, or 10 batters bat
17. Safety helmets must be worn
18. Zero tolerance for foul language and alcohol
19. No Smoking in the bleachers
20. If batter throws the bat out of the home-plate circle, it is an automatic out
21. Ball must travel outside of home-plate circle, or it is considered a foul ball
22. No defense player can move in until the ball is in play
23. Players must stay out of base line
24. Only the first baseman can tag the batter running to first, all other players must throw the ball to first for the out
25. Home team chalks the field
  - a. Foul line
  - b. 10’ circle around home plate
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 feet ahead and pitchers mound line, Coaches line is 35 feet, player line is 45 feet
26. Home team supplies concession stand volunteers (1-2 per game)
27. No Parents allowed on the field, unless asked by the coach to assist, example 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach
28. All Players must play on the field to be eligible to bat
29. Proper attire must be worn at all times during the game, including the team t-shirt and cap
30. Ball is not in play until the ball has been thrown. Once thrown the player on base, will be allowed to advance to the next base
31. For any questions or concerns, contact in this order, your team coach, then the league commissioner, then the league president