



New Baltimore Baseball League Rules Division: Pre-Tee Ball

Pre-Tee Ball is an instructional league for boys and girls ages 3 and 4 years old. Emphasis is on participation and instruction in throwing, hitting, catching, and base running. No score or standings are kept.

Games are held at city parks, and all park rules apply while attending games. Dogs must remain leashed at all times. Owners must clean up after pets or they will be asked to leave the premises. No smoking allowed in the park at any time.

All Pre-Tee Ball teams will adhere to all rules and regulations of the League adopted by the New Baltimore Recreation Department.

General Game Play

1. There will be no scorekeeping during the game and no standings during the season.
2. Roster teams consist of no more than 10 players when possible.
3. Games will consist of 3 or 4 innings. A new inning starts once the last batter reaches base in the previous inning. A new inning will not start after 50 minutes.
4. Bases are to be fifty (50) feet apart. Thrown down bases will be used if no bases are set.
5. No smoking, drinking, or dogs are allowed on the field or in the coaches' area (bench area, behind backstop, coaching boxes, etc.) at any time.
6. All managers or coaches will return all equipment after the last game to the City of New Baltimore Recreation Department, 35248 Cricklewood Blvd., New Baltimore MI 48047.
7. In case of severe weather, cancellations will be posted by 4:00PM on our Department Facebook page and by email.
8. In the case of severe weather that occurs after 4:00PM and prior to a practice/game time, cancellations will be determined by the team coaches on the field at practice/game time. All players and coaches should report to the practice/game site unless notified otherwise.
9. Remember: This is a fun, instructional league. It is for the children to learn, not to compete. Positive, encouraging cheering and instruction only.

Offensive Play

1. When batting, coaches will be positioned as follows:
 - One coach at first base
 - One coach at third base
 - One coach to position the batter
 - If available, a parent or 4th coach may be placed at second base
2. A full team's turn at bat will consist of all players present. Each batter will hit and reach base.
3. Each runner will advance one base per at bat, regardless of where the ball is hit or an overthrow is made.
4. The pitchers will be required to wear a batting helmet at all times.
5. No base stealing will be allowed.
6. No lead offs are allowed.
7. No bunting; the batter must take a full swing.
8. No throwing the bat. If a batter throws the bat whether the ball is hit or not he/she will be warned.
9. The "infield fly" rule will not be imposed.
10. Sliding is NOT TO BE ENCOURAGED.

Defensive Play

1. When fielding, coaches will be positioned as follows:
 - One coach at pitcher's mound
 - One coach on each side of the infield, behind the players
2. All players will play the infield. There are no players in the outfield or at catcher.
3. The infield will consist of 5-8 players. At a full infield, there will be 3 infielders on each side of the field and 2 pitchers. If less than 8 players are present first remove one of the pitchers, then remove one infielder per side until all players have a position.
4. Once a ball is fielded, the player should throw or hand the ball to the coach at the mound.