



**GIRLS T-BALL /6U**  
**GENERAL RULES**  
UP-DATED 3/2023

New items for this season will be indicated by **BOLD** print.

The T-Ball division is a developmental division that emphasizes fun and fundamentals. The goal of this division is to teach skill building, fastpitch fundamentals, and utilize hitting off of a tee, where the score is not the focus of the game.

In the Lewis County League, we allow girls to play for town teams either in the School District they live in or the School District they attend school in. If there is no team available for their age division in either of those locations, the player will be placed on a team with review and approval from the League Organization President.

1. No alcohol or tobacco allowed on playing fields.
2. No foul or abusive language allowed on the playing field by players, coaches, or spectators.
3. No player or coach will show up at practice or games under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
4. The manager of a team is responsible for the actions and conduct of all coaches and players on his/her team.
5. Every team shall turn in a roster of players on their team. A minimum of 7 or 8 players constitutes a full team, but the game may be played at coaches' discretion. The roster will be kept by the league to settle any discrepancies.
6. All players will wear a shirt with a number on it. They are not required to wear baseball pants or cleats.
7. Games will be three (3) innings, more if agreed up by both coaches.
8. Every player bats and plays in the field.
9. Each batter will be coach-pitched for up to three strikes. In the event the ball is not batted into play, it will be placed on the tee for up to two more swings (Coaches should discuss flexibility prior to game). Batter will then take first base.
  - 9a. There are no strikeouts.
  - 9b. A coach will stand at least 12 feet from the batter, further back is fine.
  - 9c. A coach will not interfere with the ball once batted into fair territory.

10. The ball must travel at least 10 feet to be considered in play.
11. No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
12. An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
13. Safety helmets must be worn when batting, no face guard is required.
14. Bats – T-Ball bats only.
15. Ball – 11” safety ball (softee)
16. Tee – Adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.
17. Players shall assume normal softball positions. Outfielders should be evenly spaced in the outfield. All defensive positions must be positioned in fair territory, the only exception to this is the catcher. Once the ball is put into play, all defensive players are free to move to any positions to play the ball or the runners. Coaches are permitted to be on field during play but may not interfere with play.
18. Fielders at the pitching position should wear a helmet for safety.
19. Base runners will advance only one base per hit until the last batter. Once the last batter has hit the ball, they will advance all the bases to home plate. The players currently on base when the ball is hit will advance the remaining bases to home plate.
20. All games will conclude with a base race.

### **Protests and Standings**

No league standings will be kept. No protested games.

### **Sportsmanship**

1. Managers and staff are responsible for the conduct of their team and spectators.
2. Managers, coaches, team staff, players, and parents may not say things to harass the players on the opposing team.
3. At the conclusion of the game each team shall complete an “appreciation cheer” for the opposing team and deliver a send off wave from a distance.
4. Each team is responsible for cleaning out their dugout at the conclusion of the game and disposing of any garbage into an appropriate container.

### **Make-Up Games**

All make-up games must be played by the date of the last scheduled game.

The home team is responsible for attempting to schedule make-up games. Coaches are required to make contact within 72 hours to reschedule the game. In the event that there is a difficulty in scheduling a make-up game either by a failure to come up with an agreeable date for make-up or lack of interest by either manager to schedule a make-up game, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. The coach or coaches shall make a reasonable attempt to contact each other within 72 hours of game cancellation.
2. The coach or coaches shall report the problem to their town league president. 3. The town league presidents of the affected teams will attempt to resolve the matter by one of the following methods: (a) they will schedule a new date for the game or; (b) they will agree to a forfeiture by one of the teams based on upon the teams willingness to reschedule or; (c) they will refer the matter to the league president who will review the situation and render a final decision.