



# NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS-SAN ANTONIO

## RULES- BASEBALL: TEE BALL/COACH PITCH

Applies to both practices and games.

NYS modifies rules each season as needed.

<b>Objective</b>	The focus is to help young players learn the basics of the game and have fun.
<b>Safety</b>	If a child is not feeling well, they should not participate in any practices or games. Use hand sanitizer frequently. Each child is responsible for his/her own drink.
<b>Sportsmanship</b>	We ask all coaches, parents and officials to be encouraging and positive with the players before, during and after the game. Any unsportsmanship or bad behavior the offending person will be asked to leave the area. Any person ejected will be suspended from participating at the next scheduled game.
<b>Player Information</b>	NYS supplied jersey and hat; or pre-approved jersey; player must provide pants, gloves, and rubber cleats. No metal cleats, open toed shoes, or jewelry/earrings. Tape to cover earrings.
<b>Game Specs</b>	Team listed first on schedule is the home team and occupies the third base dugout. Visiting team occupies the first base dugout and bats first. 50 minutes and at least 2 innings. No score, outs or strikeouts for this age group. Bases are approximately 35ft apart.
<b>Parent Volunteers</b>	No more than 5 parent volunteers from each team on the field. Batting team provides volunteers at first and third base, and one coach at home plate. Parents and coaches can run with base runners around the bases.
<b>Defensive Positions</b>	All players on defensive team allowed on the field; play with 7 infielders and rest in the outfield positions near the baseline. Coach should rotate positions every inning; No catcher required in tee ball.
<b>Batting &amp; Base Running</b>	USA Baseball or Little League approved bats allowed. No official batting line up is needed. All players bat every inning. Batters can hit off the tee. After 4 swings the batter walks to first base. Coach may pitch to batters for those players who can swing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 6 pitches - first 3 balls are pitched then next 3 balls are placed on the tee.</li><li>- After 6 pitches, the batter can walk to first.</li></ul> No on deck batters - must remain in the dugout. Helmets are not required. Ball must travel past the white arc in front of the tee or it is called a foul ball. Last batter in the lineup runs all the way around the bases; once bases are cleared the inning is over. (Coaches to notify when the last batter is up.) No leading off bases- at least one foot must be touching the bag. Runners are allowed to advance one base on walks and hits; must touch each base. No sliding, stealing, home runs or triples in this age group. No advancing to the next base on an overthrow.