



Early Start T-Ball League Rules

Game Rules

- All games will take place at the Broadview Heights soccer fields off of Lazzaro Blvd. No game score or league standings will be kept.
- All team players will bat and play the field each inning.
- Teams should go through the order 3-4 times or max of 45 minutes.
- Team up to bat will bat through their entire line up. Last player will hit a "homerun" to clear the bases.
 - Try to mix up the batting order throughout the year to give everyone a chance to hit a "homerun".
- All players will hit off the tee all season.
- Runners and batters advance one base at a time regardless of where the ball is hit. NO sliding!
- Try to rotate the kids into different positions throughout the season.
- Be sure to teach players not to throw the bat. Some kids may need reminders during the season.
- Bats will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. We will not be using metal bats during Early Start T-Ball.
- There will not be an "on-deck" batter.

Game Coaches

- A parent/guardian should be on the field and dugout with their player to help. This includes hitting, running the bases, and fielding.

Game Notes

- The focus of Early Start T-Ball is to introduce the game of baseball in a fun, encouraging, and positive environment. This program is not meant to hound the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, and throwing, it is meant to get the kids moving and used to a baseball environment.
- Let them have fun! They are going to laugh, cry, fall, get confused, and distracted. Do not take this too seriously.
- Encouragement and positive reinforcement is crucial at this age. **Recommendation:** Discuss this with parents and ask them to cheer, but not yell instructions during the game. This only confuses the players when more than one person is yelling (sometimes different) instructions at them when they are playing.