

Little Lacey SUMMER BASEBALL

Division 3 - Modified Pitch: Rules & Guidelines

All Adults Working Together for the Benefit of All the Children

Our League Goals:

- *To help players develop basic baseball and teambuilding skills in a safe, positive and fun environment.*
- *To foster equal opportunity for every player, regardless of their level of skill or experience.*
- *To strengthen community spirit through sportsmanship and providing an opportunity to create new friendships.*

“Individually we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”
-Ryunosuke Akutagawa

Division III: Modified Pitch Guidelines

Ages	5 - 6yrs (must be 5 by June 8)
Standard Roster Size	10-11
Play Type: Modified Pitch	First ½ of the season players hit off the tee; Second half of season is coach-pitch. All players bat each inning.
Age-Appropriate Rules	No score is kept. “Out” players return to dugout. Inning ends when all players have batted.
Age-Appropriate Equipment	Safety soft tee balls, official tee-ball bats.
Parent Provided Equipment	Glove & batting helmet are required.
League Provide Uniform	League t-shirt and baseball cap
Practice & Play	Mon & Wed evenings, after 6:30pm, June 8 – Aug. 5
Volunteer Coaches	Application, screening & background check required.

Div. 3 Modified Pitch Gameplay

No parents on the field unless they are a designated coach, pitcher, or catcher per rules below.

Batting

- Batting team has a parent volunteer “base coach” at 1st, 2nd, & 3rd base.
- Players may be thrown out, tagged out, or fly out. Base coaches make the safe/out calls.
- Out players must return to their dugout.
- No outs are recorded (i.e. 3 outs does NOT end the inning.)
- Inning ends when everyone has batted once.
- Coaches may mix up the batting order each inning if they’d like.
- **First Half of Season:** Player’s hit off the tee. Batting team coach is stationed at the plate, sets the ball on the tee for the player, and plays “catcher”.
- **Second Half of the Season:** Batting team’s coach/ asst. pitches (overhand or underhand). Defensive team coach plays “catcher”. We **do not** call “balls” & “strikes” If a batter fails to hit after 3 pitches from their coach, the tee is immediately set up for the batter to hit from.

On Defense (in the field)

- One defensive team coach may be in the outfield to direct players, but may not touch players or the ball.
- All players on the field positioned in an arc on infield & outfield.
 - Player in pitching circle (for fielding only).
 - Extra players in outfield.
 - Outfield players must be off the infield and in the grass.
 - Defensive players may not stand in the path of the base runner.
- Fielders may catch a fly ball, throw to base, or tag to get outs. Out players to dugout.
- Defense may call “time” when “pitcher” has control of the ball in the pitching circle; when time is called base runners must stop at the base they are advancing to.
- Inning ends when batting team has completed their line-up.
- **Second Half of the Season:** Defensive team’s coach play’s “catcher” during second half of season (when the batting’s team coach is pitching.)

Other Gameplay Rules & Regulations

League Provided Equipment

Regulation Tee Balls, Tee-ball Bats (3), batting tee (1), throw-down bases

Field Dimensions

50’ base paths / 10’ Foul Line arc/ 35’ pitching rubber, 12’ pitch circle

Game Length (Time)

60 minutes max. Do not start another half inning, even if home team didn’t get last at bats.

Home/Away, Dugouts

Home Team starts in field; Visitors start batting.

Visitors take 1st base side “dugout”; Home takes 3rd base side dugout.



Little Lacey Tee-Ball and Baseball League Safety Rules (All Divisions)



- Safety Rule #1 Player's parent or guardian must be present at all games & practices.
- Safety Rule #2 Parents and coaches must teach bat safety rules at practice.
- Safety Rule #3 Players must attend two full practices before participating in their first game.
- Safety Rule #4 No children or adults may climb fences or backstops.
- Safety Rule #5 Take shelter in your car or the nearest building if you hear thunder or see lightning. In the event a storm lasts more than 10 minutes, gameplay will be suspended for the day.

Division III: Modified Pitch Specific Safety Rules

- Closed-toed shoes only; no sandals.
- Batting helmets required during practices & games when hitting, base running, on deck.
- No child plays the catcher position in Modified.
- Children should be taught to avoid collisions.
- The coach positioned at home plate is responsible for moving the bat and/or tee out of the way before a runner crosses the plate.

Inclement Weather/Cancellation Policy

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- **The league does not issue practice/game cancellations due to rain.** We encourage an alternative team building activity, such as playing at the park or tag games. However, practices/games will be cancelled in the event of thunder and/or lightning lasting more than 10 minutes. If a team chooses not to participate in an alternative team activity, a coach may elect to cancel. When canceling a practice, coaches must notify their team roster as well as the league coordinator. When cancelling a game, coaches must also notify the opposing team. A cancelled game may or may not be rescheduled. Rescheduling will be done at the discretion of the league coordinator.
- **Air Quality:** All league events will be cancelled if the Olympic Region Clear Air Agency (ORCAA) Washington Air Quality advisory is above 150 (unhealthy) due to smoke from wildfires. The league coordinator will contact all participants and coaches.
- **High Heat/Temperature:** Games will be cancelled when temperatures reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.