



SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE MODIFIED T-BALL RULES 2012

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REMEMBER, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE, TO TEACH THESE YOUNGSTERS HOW TO PROPERLY PLAY THE GAME, LEARN TO BE GOOD SPORTS AND TEAMMATES. OUR COACHES ARE THE KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON. PLEASE TRY TO MAKE IT FUN FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND TO AVOID THE UNNECESSARY PRESSURE TO WIN.

Code of Ethics/Philosophy

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO LIVE UP TO THE FOLLOWING SFYBL CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) I WILL PLACE THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF MY PLAYERS AHEAD OF ANY PERSONAL DESIRE TO WIN
- 2) I WILL REMEMBER TO TREAT EACH PLAYER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, REMEMBERING THE LARGE SPREAD OF EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AGE GROUP.
- 3) I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLAY SITUATION FOR MY PLAYERS AND STAFF.
- 4) I WILL REVIEW AND PRACTICE THE NECESSARY FIRST AID PRINCIPLES NEEDED TO TREAT INJURIES OF MY PLAYERS.
- 5) I WILL DO MY BEST TO ORGANIZE PRACTICES THAT ARE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL MY PLAYERS.
- 6) I WILL LEAD, BY EXAMPLE, IN DEMONSTRATING FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL MY PLAYERS.
- 7) I WILL INSURE THAT I AM KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RULES OF **SFYBL** BASEBALL AND THAT I WILL TEACH THESE RULES TO MY PLAYERS.
- 8) I WILL USE THOSE COACHING TECHNIQUES APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OF THE SKILLS THAT I TEACH.
- 9) I WILL REMEMBER THAT I AM A YOUTH COACH, AND THAT THE GAME IS FOR CHILDREN AND NOT ADULTS.

2012 SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE T-BALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1 : ADMINISTRATION

1. The overall direction of the S.F.Y.B.L. is the sole responsibility of the S.F.Y.B.L. Executive Committee, whose members have been appointed to represent all players and coaches.

A) Executive Committee

S.F. Recreation & Park Representative – Jimmy Chin/Linda Barnard
S.F. Fire Dept. FLAME Representative – Chet Spirlin

- B) The Executive Committee shall designate the duties of the At - Large Members:

Rick Bates
Brooke Bianco
Tim Figueras
Charlie Perkins
Don Simon
Mike Wise

2. Division Commissioners

- A) SFYBL League & PONY Division Commissioner (13-14 year olds) – Chet Spirlin
B) Bronco Division Commissioner (11-12 year olds) – Tim Figueras
C) Mustang Division Commissioner (9-10 year olds) – Mike Wise
D) 1st - 2nd - 3rd Grade Commissioner – Brooke Bianco
E) T-Ball Commissioner – Mike Bross

3. Baseball Committee

A) The Baseball Committee will be composed of the members of The Executive Committee and the At - Large Members.

B) The Baseball Committee upon information provided by the Division Director and his designated assistants, will have the authority to render all decisions regarding the conduct of all matters involving the rules and philosophy of the S.F.Y.B.L.

4. Baseball Committee Meetings

Kindly call the S.F. Recreation & Park office for specific times and dates of meetings. Proposals to be placed on the Baseball Committee agenda, must be submitted in writing to the League office by the Friday preceding any meeting.

Phone number: 831-6318

RULE 2 : DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1. The Division Director and designated staff, have the direct authority to warn, suspend, or dismiss any manager, coach, player, spectator, umpire, or other person from the division under their jurisdiction, when that individual's conduct has been determined to be in violation of the SFYBL Rules and/or Philosophy or is detrimental to the best interests of the SFYBL
2. The Division Director upon receipt of a written report by an umpire, league official or league member, may suspend or revoke the coaching/playing privileges of any member charged with unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to the league. Such penalties shall only be considered if charges are filed in writing.

RULE 2A : DISCIPLINARY APPEAL PROCESS

1. All Sanctioned Individuals have the right to appeal any penalty imposed on them by the Division Director, to the SFYBL Disciplinary Committee within 48 hours of receiving written notification. (Exception: Rule 2A, Part 1A)
IF A PLAYER, MANAGER OR COACH IS EJECTED FROM A SFYBL GAME HE/SHE IS AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED LEAGUE, PLAYOFF OR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
 - A) One game suspensions will be imposed by the Division Director without the Right of Appeal or of further action by other SFYBL authority.
 - B) Warnings may be issued by Division Director and without the Right of Appeal or of further action by other SFYBL authority.
 - C) All participants in SFYBL Leagues are subject to disciplinary action, and because specific penalties (and guidelines for penalties) are difficult to establish for a variety of violations of acceptable conduct, the Division Director may impose the penalty which he believes matches the severity of the offense.
3. If the sanctioned individual is a player or other person under age 18, his/her parents must attend any disciplinary hearing.
4. The SFYBL Disciplinary Committee consisting of three At Large members of the Baseball Committee will hear all appeals. This Committee will render their decisions by removing, reducing, sustaining or increasing the penalties imposed by the Division Director. If either party (Division Director or Appealing Party) disagrees with the Disciplinary Committee decision, they may petition the full SFYBL Committee for further review. At a hearing of the full board, the Disciplinary Committee Chairperson will present the Committee's position and the respondent will present his/her own position to the SFYBL Committee. The ruling of the SFYBL Committee is final. No further appeal will be considered.

RULE 2A (cont.)

5. In the event that a player, coach or manager fails to appear as required, the SFYBL Committee may at its discretion, proceed with a hearing and render a decision.
6. San Francisco Youth Baseball has jurisdiction over all members participating in its activities. The term "Members" refers to managers, coaches, players and other persons whose direct action may cause them to be deemed participants. No member shall bring any action at law in equity against San Francisco Youth Baseball unless all rights, remedies and appeals granted by San Francisco Youth Baseball have been exhausted. If a member brings any action before exhausting all rights and remedies herein set forth, such members agree that the court of law or equity, in which such action is pending, may award San Francisco Youth Baseball the legal cost and attorney's fees incurred in a successful defense of any such action.
7. All disciplinary rulings of any SFYBL Committee shall be mailed to the involved parties within 72 hours of said ruling.

RULE 3 : ROSTERS

1. The T-ball division is made up of mostly kindergarteners and some 1st graders that prefer to play T-ball.
2. Players can "play up" one grade higher than the grade they are in.
3. All rosters must list a minimum of ten (10) eligible players.
4. In the event of an addition to the roster, the new players' waiver must be submitted to the league prior to the player participating in league games.

RULE 4 : PLAYING RULES

1. LENGTH OF GAMES

- A) Games are limited to a one and a half hour time limit.
- B) No inning shall start after time has expired.

2. BATTING

A) Hitters Batting from the Tee

- 1) Will bat first in the batting order
- 2) Will get 10 swings at ball on tee to put ball in play. If not able to put the ball in play, batter goes to first.

RULE 4 (cont)

B) Hitters Batting from Coach Pitches

1) Coaches may identify some players, that have proven in practice to be capable of hitting a pitched ball, as their “designated coach pitch hitters”

2) Upon each “designated coach pitch hitters” FIRST at bat in the game, they will be allowed 10 pitches. If they do not put the ball in fair play in those 10 pitches, they will need to hit the ball off the tee for the remainder of the game so as not to slow down the pace of the game.

C) At the discretion of the coaches and if the teams are near equal in number, each player may bat in every inning

3. BASE RUNNING

A) The bases are 40 feet apart.

B) There are no lead offs. A player may not leave the base until the ball has been struck by the batter.

C) Each runner must run in a “station to station” manner, that is, advancing one base for each batter that bats.

D) There is no stealing of bases.

4. SAFETY

A) Batters and runners must wear a batting helmet.

B) A deliberately thrown bat will result in the players being declared automatically out. It will be the umpire's judgment whether or not the bat was deliberately thrown

C) Catchers must wear full gear. This consists of a mask, shin guards, catcher's helmet, chest protector, throat guard and protective cup.

D) It is strongly recommended that all players wear a cup.

3. FIELDING

A) All players must participate in the field in each game.

B) Each player must not play two consecutive innings in the same position.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE S.F.Y.B.L. PHILOSOPHY, SUBSTITUTIONS OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PARTICIPATED MUST BE MADE AFTER ONE HOUR OF PLAY TO PRECLUDE ANY PLAYER NOT RECEIVING HIS/HER REQUIRED THREE (3) INNINGS OF PLAY

Rule 4 (cont)

- C) Twelve players may be used defensively. Four outfielders and extra infielders are to be stationed between the first and second base position, and between shortstop and second base.
- D) The fielding pitcher must wear a batting helmet.
- E) The fielding pitcher must be within three feet of the pitching mound.
- F) Ground rules on all overthrows shall be one base awarded on all occasions.
- G) A coach may be positioned in the outfield to coach the outfielders.

RULE 5 : SCORING

Since this is a learning league, no score will be kept. There are no winners or losers and there is no need for a scorebook. No standings will be distributed.

RULE 6 : UMPIRES

The offensive coach is the official umpire as designated by each team. It is suggested that League Rules be provided to anyone acting as an umpire in a S.F.Y.B.L. game.

RULE 7 : EQUIPMENT

1. Teams shall provide their own equipment (teams may share gear).
2. A dozen safety balls (soft) will be distributed by the league to each coach.
3. All purpose or tennis shoes are recommended. No metal spikes are allowed.

RULE 8 : MANAGERS AND COACHES

1. Managers and/or coaches are responsible for the actions of their team's players, team members, and team supporters (spectators).
 - A) Managers/coaches shall not use any word(s) and/or actions to incite their team's members and/or supporters to demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 1) Demonstrations which disrupt the game are unsportsmanlike.
 - 2) Demonstrations abusive to the umpires are unsportsmanlike.
 - B) Managers/coaches shall not encourage or allow attempts at verbal intimidation of the opposing team by their team's members and/or supporters.
 - 1) There shall be no "negative chatter" directed at the opposing team.
 - 2) "Positive chatter" by team members with their teammates is permitted and encouraged.

C) Managers/coaches shall refrain from the use of foul and profane language and they shall prevent the use of such language by their team members and/or supporters.

D) Managers/coaches shall not use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs of any kind. They shall not permit the use of any such substances within their team's playing area, and they are responsible for encouraging their team's supporters to remove any such items from the vicinity of the playing field.

E) Except when legitimately on the playing field in accordance with the rules, the manager, coaches, players, and team members shall remain with their designated team areas (bench, dugout, bullpen, warm-up area, etc.) throughout the games.

F) Players should never be allowed behind the backstop.

1) If a player/team member leaves the vicinity of the field for any reason, he/she remains the responsibility of the manager/coach.

2) Only a manager/coach may enter the playing field to make inquiry and/or obtain a ruling, and only with the permission of the umpire.

2. Offensive coaches will consist of a batting coach at home plate and one coach at 1st base and one coach at 3rd base.
3. All Managers/Coaches must be listed on the SFYBL Fingerprint List to be eligible to coach in this League.

RULE 9 : GENERAL CONDUCT

1. Players or adult volunteers who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting, abusive language or similarly derogatory activity, may be suspended for one or more games.

Teams, players or adult volunteers in violation of this general conduct policy may be removed from further league play.

2. San Francisco Youth Baseball implements these general conduct policies with specific rules and regulations, as contained herein.

RULE 10 : INJURY REPORTS

When a player or coach/manager is injured, an injury report must be filed the next working day with the Recreation & Park Department Office with details surrounding the injury and information about the treating facility must be submitted in writing. Sundays and legal holidays are not working days.