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City of Salem Youth Tee Ball

The purpose of Youth Recreational Athletic Leagues is to provide an enjoyable experience for each youth participant, while developing character, skills, sportsmanship, and promoting good will among all teams and individuals. Although sports are competitive by nature; the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department's intentions are to place less emphasis on winning, while promoting the building of lifetime physical activity and health for each participant.

By Laws:

The City of Salem's Youth Baseball league is governed by the "**National Federation of State High School Associations**" rules unless otherwise stated in these bylaws.

Leagues	Ages	Game Length	Playing Field	Ball Used
Teeball (No Score Kept)	6 & first yr 7's	4 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes	Bases- 60ft	Level 5 RIF (reduced injury factor)

Age Classification

- Age determined on or before April 30th of the current season.

Playing Up

- Every player must play one (1) year in each age division before they are eligible to move up to the next age division unless denied by sanctioning league (Dixie).
- Once a player chooses to move up in age divisions they must remain in that division and will not be allowed to "play down" for the remainder of that season or any season there after.
- No participant will be allowed to "play down" in any age division unless otherwise approved by the recreation department (i.e. medical condition, etc.).

Home/Visitor Benches

- The home team will occupy the third base bench.
- The visiting team will occupy the first base bench.

Coaches/Background Screenings/Coaches ID Badges

- Each team is permitted four (4) coaches
- Every coach (head and assistant must be approved through the background screening policy.
- Every coach (head and assistant) must wear their Coaches ID Badges during all games and practices. Coaches will not be allowed on the field and or dugout with out badge.

Rained-Out Games Policy

- Any weekday that school is cancelled because of bad weather, practices and games will be called off for that night.
- Weather Cancellation Hotline: 966-6900

Game Schedules, League Standings and Rescheduled Games

- Game schedules are available on the City of Salem Website: www.salemva.gov
- Coaches will be notified via email or phone call of reschedules.

Regulation Game

- A regulation game will be 4 innings or 1 hour and fifteen (15) minutes. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes from the scheduled start of the game.
- Any game that is called because of inclement weather will be considered a complete game if 2 complete innings have been played.

Special Equipment

- A helmet and mask must be worn by the catcher while playing defense. No catcher's equipment is required.
- The catcher must stand to the opposite side of the batter.
- The pitcher must wear a helmet with a face protector.

Umpires

- Coaches will be used as umpires for all games.

Batting

- All players present from the official team roster will bat in a continuous batting order.
- When all players have had an at-bat the inning is over. The 3 out rule does not apply.
- If the last batter gets a hit, play will stop when any player, with the ball in his/her possession, tags home plate.
- The ball is in play when the batter hits the ball in fair territory beyond a 30 foot radius from home plate. Any ball that does not go 30 feet is a foul.
- Each team will field the normal nine defensive positions; with all remaining rosters players placed in the outfield (players must be located in the outfield grass).
- On offense, coaches may only coach from the first and third base coaching boxes.

Defense

- Teams will field all infield positions (P, C, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, SS) all other players will be positioned in the outfield. Players must be in the outfield grass.
- On defense, two coaches may coach behind the outfielders but cannot interfere with play.
- A coach must request "time" from the umpire to correct a fielder, runner or batter during the game. A coach may only call "time" twice during one inning.
- All balls must be thrown to the base when attempting to throw a runner out. The runner will be safe if the ball is rolled on the ground.
- There will be no extra bases taken on overthrows
- Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. When the ball is in the possession of an infielder in the infield and has stopped the lead runner, the umpire shall stop play. When all defensive players are in their proper position the umpire shall call "Play Ball" and the next batter takes his place at bat.
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Bats

- Regular Season Play- All bats must be official Dixie Baseball or Little League Baseball bats.

Slide Rule

- All players must make an attempt to slide when a play is being made at home plate. If an attempt to slide is not made, the runner is out and all players must return to the last base touched.

Coach/Spectator/Player Ejection

- Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for the team's next game and practices during that time.
- Any coach or spectator ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for the team's next two (2) games and practices during that time.
- Any player or coach ejected from two (2) games in one season will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- During the suspension, which starts immediately after the altercation, the coach, player or spectator

must leave the City of Salem property immediately and will not be allowed to be present at the games or the practices until the suspension has expired. If they refuse to leave or attempt to come back before the suspension is over they will be suspended for the remainder of the season. This includes any altercation before or after a game.

- Additional penalties may be added at the discretion of the City of Salem Department of Parks and Recreation.
- All decisions made by the Parks and Recreation Department are final.