

# 2022

## Tee Ball Division Team Resource Binder





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# Code of Conduct

- Speed Limit **10 km/h** in roadways and parking lots while attending any Airdrie Little League function. Watch for small children around parked cars.
  - No alcohol or marijuana allowed in any parking lot, field, or common areas within any Airdrie Little League complex or venue.
  - No playing in parking lots at any time, use crosswalks when crossing roadways and always be alert for traffic.
  - All gates to the field must remain closed at all times. After players have entered or left the playing field, all gates should be closed and secured.
  - During games respect umpires and their authority. Do not question, discuss or confront them on any of their calls or decisions.
  - Only team coordinators and coaches are allowed to coach players during games. Coordinators and coaches are not to be questioned or confronted during games or practices and are to be spoken with at an agreed time and place.
  - Only players, coordinators, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions.
  - Use of profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct at Airdrie Little League venues will not be tolerated.
  - No throwing balls against dugouts or against backstop.
  - No throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common areas of an Airdrie Little League complex. Also, no rock throwing.
  - Do not allow children or players to climb fences or backstops.
  - Observe all posted signs. Players and spectators must be on alert for foul balls and errant throws. Do not retrieve balls or other items from private property.
  - During games, players must remain in the dugout in an orderly fashion at all times.
  - During games, there is to be no food or snacks consumed in the dugouts or on the field of play.
  - **No tobacco product use by coaches, managers or players at any time on field or dugout.**
  - After each game, each team must clean up trash in the dugout and around stands.
  - There is ZERO tolerance for physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.
  - Sexual harassment or discrimination based on race, color, gender, ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation will not be tolerated by ALL.
- Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from practice, games, playoffs, All Star play and the ALL Complex or any fields ALL uses for such.***

# Airdrie Little League

## 2022 Outline / Division – Tee Ball

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### **Important Dates**

May 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Opening Day
May 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> :	Mid-Season Tournament / Team Photos
June 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Jamboree
June 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Year-End Tournament

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### **Schedule / Game Structure**

Teams will play 2 games during the week, Monday to Thursday. In addition, teams will participate in the two weekends: the Mid-Season and End-Season Tournaments

Weekday start time is 6:00pm. There will be a 15-minute combined warm-up with both teams, followed by separating each team into two groups. One group will play a game of bubba baseball, while the other group works on skills and drills. After 30 mins the groups switch. Airdrie Little League provides all coaches with resources to plan practices focused on the development of individual skills (catching, throwing, etc.)

*\*Tournament Games do not have a 15-minute practice/warm-up. Instead, a 15-minute warm-up in the field beside the diamond, followed by a game (based on allotted time in schedule)*

Teams will play as many innings as can be played within the allotted time. Full innings must be played (meaning both teams bat). Play stops immediately in the event of thunder and/or lightning.

There are no standings or playoffs.

EVERYONE PLAYS! Teams are made up of approximately 10-12 players. If one team has fewer players than the other, coaches will plan to balance the numbers to ensure the game can be played.

## **Equipment**

Each coach will receive access to the Tee Ball shed that includes all required items (i.e. baseballs, bases, first aid kit, etc.)

Each player is provided with a jersey and hat.

Players are required to provide their own water bottle, baseball glove, batting helmet and bat. Athletic cups/protectors are mandatory at all levels of Airdrie Little League. Baseball pants and cleats are recommended but are not mandatory (NO steel cleats allowed).

Buckets (to sit on for pitching) and bases will be available at the diamonds in lock boxes. Coaches will be provided with the combinations prior to the start of the season. Please ensure everything is locked back up at the end of the night.

Catchers will not be used for Bubba Baseball

All batters, runners on base, and the defensive player in the pitcher position must be wearing helmets.

## **Coach Positioning**

The coaches from each team will provide a coach pitcher and one coach managing the bench and batting order. The base runner should be managed by the coach pitcher.

Coaches will work together to determine calls (safe/out) at each base. Remember, this level is about player instruction and development.

## **Verbal Abuse**

No player, parent, coach or league official will be subjected to verbal abuse. Any league representative has the responsibility to intervene on behalf of a victim. A zero-tolerance policy will be enforced, resulting in the offending party being asked to leave. Profanity of any kind is strictly prohibited

# Volunteer Policy

As a volunteer organization, Airdrie Little League relies heavily on all of its members to ensure a successful baseball season for all our children. As such, we have implemented a few changes to our volunteering system to ensure we are not leaning too heavily on our most generous members.

We have established a credit system for the volunteer work around the league, and we will require a volunteer to complete credits for each player, based on division of play.

T-Ball	8 Credits
Coach Pitch	10 Credits
Minor	12 Credits
Major	12 Credits
Teenage	12 Credits

Players involved with our advanced programs (Tournament teams, All-Stars or AAA teams), will be asked to support those teams in addition to your regular season contribution.

## Volunteer Positions

**Coach** - 12 Credits - Focus on ballplayers. Duties will include attending coaching clinics, leading practices (with provided resources), making rosters and leading the bench on game day.

**Assistant Coach** - 12 Credits - Focus on ballplayers. Duties will include attending coaching clinics, leading drills and fitness during practices, leading warm up and coaching bases on game day.

**Team Coordinator** - 12 Credits - Act as a liaison between coaches and parents. Duties may include updating TeamSnap, coordinating game day volunteers; and score, pitch and volunteer submissions.

**Maintenance Crew** - 12 Credits - A crew of 5-10 operating under the Field Maintenance Director, responsible for diamond repairs, maintaining mounds, bases and other field projects once a week.

**Cleaning Crew** - 4 Credits per shift - Five crews of 5 people (Pre-season, Mid-Season, Post-Season) working with either: the Concession Manager to clean the concession and storage facilities, or the Equipment Manager to organize, clean or count equipment.

**Tournament Volunteer** - 4 Credits per day - 50-50 raffle sales, information person (collecting score sheets/pitch counts and reporting to Tournament Director, bringing water to umpires and a variety of miscellaneous tasks).

**Game Day Volunteers** - 1 Credit per shift - Pitch Count, Scorekeeper and Diamond Marshal

**Game Day Volunteers** - 2 Credits per shift - Concession, BBQ, and Field Prep

We will collect a Volunteer Deposit cheque of \$200 for each player in the Minor, Major and Teenage Divisions, and \$100 for each player in the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions. There will be many opportunities throughout the season, and a variety of jobs to suit any household. Our goal with this program is ensuring all our volunteers are involved. We are not looking to draw any revenue! Thank you in advance for all your hard work! The volunteers are what makes Little League great!

# Team Coordinator

The Team Coordinator is a volunteer position. Each team requires a Team Coordinator. Should there be no volunteers, the coach will assign someone to this position.

## **Team Coordinator Responsibilities:**

First point of contact for team parents regarding team operations and non-game play related questions.

Assist the coaches with team communications.

Work with the Volunteer Coordinator to organize parent volunteers for all league events and tournaments.

Ensure all safety forms and deposit cheques are collected and retained.

Ensure game day volunteers are in place for pitch count, score keep, field prep and concession when necessary.

Main point of contact for the Division Director to ensure board communications are relayed to the parents and players.

Work with the opposing team's Team Coordinator to resolve any discrepancies in either pitch count or score keeping.

Help foster and promote a positive attitude amongst players, spectators and parents.

Be an Airdrie Little League ambassador and follow the Code of Conduct at all times.

\*The Coordinator is not to be questioned regarding any baseball decisions made by coaches or umpire calls.

# Game Day

## **Pre-Game**

Field Prep;

- Place Bases and pitching bucket
- Set up drill stations as directed by coaches

Coaching

- Warm-up Routine
- Practice station plan

## **Post-Game**

Field Prep;

- Equipment stored
- Garbage removed from diamond
- ALL STORAGE TO BE LOCKED

Coaches

- Three Cheers and hand shakes
- After Game Meeting
- Players help stow and remove equipment



# Airdrie Little League

## 2022 Tee Ball Division Rules & Regulations

### **GETTING ORGANIZED FOR THE BUBBA BASEBALL GAME**

- Split into 2 equal teams. (6 on each team works the best)
- You need a wiffle ball, or ultralight sponge ball, a big plastic Bubba Bat and 4 bases or markers, played with or without gloves.
- Put the 4 bases down in a grassy area about 2/3rd of the normal baseline distance.
- Use the outfield grass just beyond 2nd base, no need to use the infield dirt.
- For the first half of the season, coaches place the ball on the tee for each hitter. Starting after the mid-season tournament, one Coach takes on the role of a pitcher and tosses the wiffle ball to the hitter.
- Lay 6 cones down the first and third base line. These will serve as markers to keep on deck batters in order and ready to go.

One Coach is the catcher and stands a safe distance behind the plate to retrieve the balls that get past the hitter. This coach also encourages hitters and helps those waiting on deck.

The game is safer for young players and moves along quicker with adults looking after these 2 positions.

### **Game Play**

The players on defense play infield and outfield positions. (If you are 6 vs 6, have 4 players play the 4 infield positions and the other 2 players on the team cover the outfield.)

Each inning, line up the 6 offensive players on the on deck cones. Each player through the line-up will hit once before the inning is retired. No outs or scores are to be recorded. Every player to gets a chance to hit each inning.

Play regular rules except no lead-offs or stealing bases. Runners can only advance once the ball is hit.

Include a special rule for the last batter each inning; To give the last hitter a chance to score, the only way you can get him out is to either catch a fly ball, or to field the ball and throw it to the catcher and touch home plate. You cannot force or tag runners to end the play, this gives the last hitter a better chance. No strikeouts, every player swings away until they hit a fair ball. With the bubba bat and the soft toss pitching, all players will find success.

Give the players who played outfield the previous inning a chance to play infield the next inning. With 6 players; 4 in the infield and 2 in the outfield, players get to play twice as much in the infield.

- Use a whiffle or jugs ultralight sponge ball so all players can play the infield without fear.

During the game when a rule comes up, or you want to quickly teach a little game "Coaches Time-out" strategy just call out and have the players listen to your comments, and then get right back into the action.

### **INTRODUCING POSITIONAL PLAY**

Use container lids as markers to introduce positional play to young players.

When you play bubba baseball or other mini games, position your players at the start of each inning by having each player bring their ice cream lid with their name on it onto the playing field. Take each lid and place it on the grass 2 steps behind where you want each player to play.

Then, during your game when the complete team leaves their position to chase a ground ball or flyball and the play is over, all you have to do to get them back into position for the next hitter is call out "RESET" - find your lid and face the hitter". Your team will look organized and well coached and you will save a lot of time. If you want the players to play different positions next inning, just move their lids.