

San Luis Valley Tee-Ball Rules (5-7 years old)

Game Length

- Three innings.

Lightning Protocol

- **The Home team must monitor the lightning for the duration of warmups and games using a weather app.**
- **Lightning within 10 miles requires a 30 minute delay of game. If lightning occurs again within the 30 minutes the clock restarts. Game will be delayed a total of 40 minutes before being rescheduled/called as per the below guidelines.**

Batting

- All hitters will hit the ball from a batting tee. The tee should be adjusted to such a height the batter will be able to swing level.
- All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively or not.
- There is no bunting
- An inning is over when both teams bat their entire line up. The last batter of the inning will run all the bases until he /she reaches home base. Batting helmets must be used at bat and as base runners.
- No stealing or leading off.

Fielding

- Nine (9) or ten (10) players are on the field at any one time, 6 infielders- including a catcher and 4 outfielders.
- Each player present must play a minimum of two innings defensively.
- A coach may be stationed beyond the infielders in order to provide instruction to all defensive players.

Coach Emphasis

- Basic fundamentals should be taught, emphasizing format of game.
- Drills should include those that will build hand & eye coordination. Such as self-toss, coach toss and partner toss.

Field

- The field of play is shared by an infield and an outfield and is separated into fair and foul territory.
- The field is similar to dimensions of a youth baseball / Little League type field but with only 50 feet between the bases.
- The diamond is a square with a base at each corner.
- The bases include first, second, and third base. They are made of canvas, soft, 15 inches square and appx. 2½ inches thick and may be fastened in place.
- The playing line is an imaginary line running between first base and third base. It can also be an arc, a curved circle extending out 40 feet from the point of home plate.
- Home plate is made of white rubber, is five-sided and is set flush with the ground. It is 17 inches wide across the edge facing the infield, 8½ inches long on each side and 12 inches long on the sides of the point facing the catcher.
- The center of the pitcher's area is 38 feet from the point of home plate.
- The batter's boxes are to be 5 feet long by 3 feet wide. The batting tee is placed on home plate, 2 feet from the front edge of the boxes and 3 feet from their rear border.
- The outfield is the wide area of the playing field beyond the diamond and most distant from home plate.
- If there are any outfield fences, they shall be 115 to 125 feet from the batting tee.
- The foul lines extend from home plate past first and third bases. Fair territory is the playing field within and including the foul lines; foul territory is the area outside the foul lines.
- A foul strike area is within an imaginary or drawn arc between the baselines, 10 feet out from the batting tee.