

Garden City Youth Athletic Association - Hands-On Tball - Rules & Guidelines – 2023

1. Equipment

- All players will need a glove and regular gym shoes
- Players supply their own pants or shorts
- Hats and T-shirts are provided by the league to wear at each game.
- Team helmets are provided by the league or you may use your own
- Baseball tees, wiffle ball bats and balls are provided to each team

2. Field

- The base paths will be approximately 15 paces in length
- The pitcher's mound will be centered amongst the bases
- Both teams are responsible for setting up the field
- Team equipment can be picked up at the concession area before games and **MUST** be returned after each game. Either team can pick up the equipment and set up the field.

3. Length of Game

- Games will last for 3 innings and/or 45 minutes – 1 hour in length

4. Offensive Rules

- Every player on the team will bat each inning.** The players need to form a line near home plate and wait for their turn to bat.
- There are unlimited outs. If a player is "out", they can continue to run the bases.**
- When each player bats, **a parent will place the ball on the tee (not the player).** The parent yells "**Play Ball!**" and the batter swings. The batter is allowed to swing until the ball is hit into play. **There are NO strikeouts.**
- Parents should assist at running the bases as needed to facilitate the game (i.e. Helping players know where to run next)
- Sliding and lead offs are not allowed.

5. Defensive Rules

- Parents should assist in the field as needed to facilitate the game.
(i.e. helping the player know where to throw the ball – 1st Base)
- The positions to be played are: 1st base, 2nd base, Shortstop, 3rd base, pitcher, right field, center field and left field. **No Catcher.** Fill all of the infield positions first if you are short on players for a game. **Parents should change player positions for each inning.** Players should not play the same position twice during a game.
- Encourage players to throw the ball to the base instead of running the ball to the base for an out.**

6. General Guidelines

- Do **NOT** allow older siblings to play with the GCYAA bats and balls because this will cause breakage to the equipment. Older siblings are allowed to help a player during the game with running the bases or being in the field. They should be at least 9 -10 years old.
- Spectators may bring lawn chairs or stand while watching the games. We will be playing in the grassy area by the concession stand, so at times, the grass may be wet. Please try to space yourselves out so there is enough area for the teams to play their games. There will be several games going on at the same time.
- There are **NO PRACTICES** in this league, just games. Just come and have fun!
- Please email gcyaajacquie@gmail.com with questions you have

Remember to Keep It Short & Simple. Each parent at this stage should be more concerned with the players learning how to play the game rather than who wins or loses. There are **NO** losers.

WE ARE ALL WINNERS!! Always use lots of ENCOURAGEMENT and ENTHUSIASM!

THANKS for helping ALL of our children GROW!