

<b>Ceres Youth Baseball Policies and Procedures</b>	
Title: Operations Manual	Section: Amended Rules 4/ 5 year old Boys
Subject: Recreation League	Revised Date: March 18, 2023

1. 2023 AMMENDED RULES 4 /5's Half The Season will be T-Ball: The Second Half Will Be Coach Pitch. Official date will be determined at a later time
2. In an effort to stay in compliance with local and state guidelines due to COVID-19, Parents, Spectators and Coaches must wear face masks while inside the park at all times. No Exceptions this is a fluid situation and will change as guidance is given

### T-BALL

#### **No official score or standings will be kept**

3. All games will be played in accordance with (A) 2023 Official Baseball Rulebook (B) the following amended rules. CYB will follow State Safety and PONY guidelines in regards to bats used, code of conduct, and concussion protocols.
4. Everyone will bat in continuous order. All players will be on defense. You will have (1) player at each of the following positions: catcher, pitcher, first base, second base, third base, and short stop. First and 3<sup>rd</sup> base must play within 4' of the bases. All remaining players will take up positions in the outfield.
5. Each team will turn in a batting order to the home plate umpire before the game. The kids must bat in that order for the entire game or will be called out if he/she reaches base during the at bat in the wrong order.
6. Home team will be determined by coin flip prior to game.
7. All batters will use a Tee-Ball bat. It must say tee-ball on the bat itself and must have the USA sticker affixed to it. Base paths will be at sixty (60) feet.
8. The umpires will determine who the head coach is prior to each game. Only the head coach displaying his badge can dispute a call during the game. The amended rules must be in coach's possession, no rule sheet, no discussion. If the head coach doesn't have his/her badge, the assistant coach shall be designated as the head coach for this game or the umpires will not discuss a call with him/her.  
**Judgment calls cannot be disputed.**
9. If coaches do not have their badges, they have 5 minutes to find a board member to stand in their place. If no board member can be found, then the game will be forfeited by that team but the game will be played for the kid's sake without umpires.
10. A batter is automatically out if the bat is thrown, on the third offense. Two warnings per team.
11. When the ball is thrown back to the pitcher, if they **touch** the ball inside the circle, the play is dead. At that time all base runners must return to the last base touched. If

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- two runners are between the same bases, the front runner is awarded the next base
12. The batter and all base runners must wear helmets with chinstraps. Metal cleats are not allowed.
  13. Each team must have at least seven (7) players for the game to begin. If additional players arrive late they will be added at the bottom of the batting order. If a child is ill or injured, they can be scratched from the lineup, without penalty, but the umpire must be informed of the situation before the next batter goes to the plate.
  14. A complete game is six (6) innings or 55 minutes. Game will end at 55 minutes drop dead.
  15. There is a five (5) run limit per inning. There is no open inning.
  16. No scorebooks will be kept by either team. The home umpire will keep track of outs and 5 runs per inning, with home teams' confirmation.
  17. The batting tee will be placed on home plate. The coach puts the ball on the tee, batter gets three (3) swings unless third one is fouled off then the batter gets one more swing. The batter's coach will move the tee for any play at home plate.
  18. Base runners may not lead off at all during the game
  19. No infield before the game, players may warm up in the outfield and they may take grounders on the foul sideline.
  20. No intentional contact (during close play), with a base runner will be allowed. Instigator can be called out, or thrown out, or cause umpire's call to be reversed.
  21. No Infield fly rule will be called.
  22. If a coach is ejected from the game for any reason, that coach will sit out the rest of that game and will not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game. If a parent is ejected, they will have to leave the facility. If more than one parent is ejected then the head coach will also be ejected.
  23. No coach is allowed on the baseball field at any time with open toe shoes. The head coach or the assistant coach must wear team shirt at all games.
  24. If the pitcher receives the ball inside the circle, he/she must throw the ball to one of the bases to try and get an out. If the pitcher leaves the circle to make a play on the ball, he/she may continue and make a play on any runner. After the play he/she may return to the circle with the ball or throw it to another base to make another play. .

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25. No runner shall slide head first for safety reasons. The runner will be called out if he/she does. No questions asked.
  
26. A maximum of three (3) coaches will be allowed on the field at any given time on offense or defense.