

LAKE VIEW ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL DIVISION INFORMATION SHEET

TEE BALL DIVISION (4 and 5 year old co-ed)

This division plays games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Saturday games may be scheduled depending on the number of teams. Weeknight games begin promptly at 6 pm. Saturday games will start at 9:30am, noon and 2:30 pm. All games are played on fields 6, 7, or 8. These fields are located behind the playground at the Burke Road athletic fields. The season consists of a twelve-game schedule depending on the number of teams in the division. Each team typically plays no more than twice per week. The game ball is a RIF 1 baseball.

Tee Ball coaches focus on teaching the players how to field, throw, hit, run the bases and how to get outs. With a goal of maximizing the opportunities for players to field the ball and hit the ball, we have modified our T Ball program for the 2026 season as follows:

- Team size equal to a maximum of 12 players
- First 15 minutes of every game should be allocated to throwing & catching drills. Coaches to work together so that both teams are practicing on field at the same time.
- Elimination of most outfield positions. Playing positions would be as follows if all 10 players are present:
 - Pitcher
 - First Base
 - First Base Back-Up (backs up all throws to 1st Base)
 - Second Base (typical second base positioning between 1st and 2nd)
 - Middle Infield (positioned at second base)
 - Shortstop
 - Third Base
 - Designated Right Outfielder (chases all balls if they are hit into the outfield)
 - Designated Middle Right Outfielder (chases all balls hit into the middle outfield)
 - Designated Middle Left Outfielder (chases all balls hit into the middle outfield)
 - Designated Left Outfielder (chases all balls if they are hit into the outfield)
- If players do not show up for a game, the first positions to be eliminated are First Base Back-Up, Designated Middle Outfielders, Designated Outfielders and Middle Infield, in that order.
- Each game consists of three (3) innings.
- Coaches place runners on all bases to start each inning. Each runner must wear a helmet.
- All players in the lineup bat **every** inning – first three runners on bases will be the last three players to bat.
- Any ball not hit at least to the pitcher is considered a foul ball, with the player hitting again.
- Runners advance one base at a time.
- If a play is made to get a player out, that out is counted and the player must leave the base.
- Last batter up clears the bases.

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- Baseball relay race at the end of every game (players from one team line up at home plate; players from the other team line up at second base; first team with all players successfully running all of the bases wins the race).

The player who will be pitcher must wear a helmet and a heart guard. Coaches may stand within the playing field in order to provide instruction to the players during the game. Players are encouraged to attempt to make outs while playing defensive positions. Players shall be given the opportunity to play all positions throughout the season.

All players hit the ball from the tee for the first nine (9) games of the season. For those players that are more advanced hitters, coaches may pitch to those batters in the second half of the season. If the batter fails to hit one of four to six pitches, the tee will be used.

Parents are encouraged to actively help the coaches. Assistance is needed in getting the players up to bat, keeping the players in order on the bench, and making sure the players in the field pay attention to the ball.

Parents, Coaches and Players are expected to abide by the Lake View Athletics Code of Conduct.