



**PORT ORANGE PARKS & RECREATION
5U-TBALL & 6U COACH PITCH LEAGUES
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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For T-Ball Divisions, Bats must be labeled for T-Ball.

6U LEAGUE – RED, 5U LEAGUE – BLUE AND BLACK - BOTH

- 1. This is an instructional league! (6U) league games will be about 1-hour long. Innings will consist of 5 runs or 3 outs whichever comes first. There are no standings. NO NEW INNING may start with (15) minutes or less left on the clock. However, if an inning is started prior to 15 mins we will finish the inning. (5U) league games will be 45 minutes long and will consist of each team batting through their lineup and switching at bat every half inning. A game called for weather is considered complete after 2 innings or if we have reached the halfway point in the time limit. Games suspended before being called a completed game will be resumed where it left off.**
- 2. (6U) A coach will pitch to the batter, the player at bat will have 5 attempts to put the ball into play. If not put into play after the 5th attempt, player must hit off the tee until ball is put into play. The ball must go past the inner arc to be called a fair ball. All balls that do not go past the inner arc will be called foul. The batting order shall consist of every player present. Those players arriving late will be placed at the end of the order. All players will play on defense in the correct positions. Please rotate the kids in different defense spots from game to game so they all get a chance at each one.**
- 3. (6U) The batter/runners may advance one (1) base, with the opportunity to be put out. If ball is hit into the grass outfield (off a pitch or off tee), the batter/runners are eligible to advance two (2) bases, with the opportunity to be put out. 5U batter/runners will advance one base on every hit and will not be called out at any point. All players will bat and run the bases until the team has finished batting through their lineup. On the last batter of the half inning all players left on the bases will run home.**
- 4. (6U) Coaches will be helping the kids to bat and on defense. The coach soft tossing to the batter will be across from the batter. The team on defense will oversee operating the scoreboard and calling the outs. If there is a tie, it will go to the runner. If a player is called out, they will return to the bench. This league is all about learning the basic rules of the game, making new friends, and having FUN-FUN-FUN.**
- 5. Field layout for the 5U will consist of the pie pieces to help the players from colliding when going for the ball. 6U field layout will only have the 43ft safety arc. Coaches will place players in the proper baseball positions. Coaches may not have more than 4 players lined up around the arc at one time.**
- 6. Each team will play 10 games and will receive awards at their last scheduled game.**
- 7. All players on defense must stay behind the 43ft arc arranged in the proper position until the ball is hit. **No more than four coaches on the field during defense.** On offense coaches should be at 1st and 3rd helping the runners and one coach helping the batter. (5U) league may have 4 coaches on the fields during defense to help the kids. **No Staff will be helping run the game.** ALL COACHES ON THE FIELD MUST HAVE PASSED A BACKGROUND CHECK AND WEARING A COACHES ID.**
- 8. All players must be in full matching uniform and no jewelry is allowed.**
- 9. Players must wear rubber cleats or gym shoes. Protective cups are highly suggested for all players.**
- 10. (6U) The catcher must wear the catchers' helmet whenever the catcher takes a position back behind home plate**

inside the circle. (5U) league will not have catchers.

11. Coaches please make sure the players are learning not to throw the bat after they hit the ball.
12. Coaches will make sure the batter on deck does not come to the plate until the previous play has stopped.
13. All teams must warm up in the designated area. There will be no hitting or throwing baseballs into the fence.
14. Double first base: the orange portion of 1st base is in foul territory and is provided for the safety of the runner.
15. It will be the coach's responsibility to check for rainouts and when they will be made up. Please contact 506-5851 for information. Please sign up for recalert by texting RECALERT to 55678.
- 16. Unsportsmanlike conduct - any player or coach ejected from play during the game, will be suspended from the following game. Two ejections during the season will result in dismissal from the league without refund. Based on the severity of the incident the person or persons involved may be dismissed from the league after the first offence without refund.**
18. If 50% of the season's games are played, the season will not be refunded due to acts of nature or pandemics (if a refund is given- a portion will be withheld for uniform/game expenses).
19. Refunds will not be given after the first week of games.