

# Little Lacey SUMMER BASEBALL Division 1 – Pre Tee: Rules & Guidelines

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3 - 4 yrs (must be 3 by June 17)

### **Our League Goals:**

- To help players develop basic sports skills and positive social skills in a fun and safe manner.
- To have all the adults working together for the benefit of all the children.
- To build community spirit and friendships among local families.

### "All Adults Working Together for the Benefit of All the Children"





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- **<u>Safety #2</u>** Parents and coaches must teach bat safety rules at practice.
- **<u>Safety #3</u>** Players must attend two full practices before participating in their first game.
- **<u>Safety #4</u>** No children or adults may climb fences or backstops.

#### <u>Safety #5</u> If you hear thunder or see lightning, take shelter in your car or in a building.

Division 1 Pre Tee Guidelines

Div. 1 PRE TEE	3 – 4 yrs (must be 3 by June 17)
Number of players on a team	7-8
Tee Ball	Everyone hits off the tee all season.
Age Appropriate Rules	No scores kept, no outs recorded. All hits are home runs.
Age Appropriate Equipment	Mini Tees, Safety foam bats and lightweight safety baseballs.
Parent provides	Nothing required. Glove & helmet are optional in Pre-Tee
League Provides	League t-shirt and baseball cap
Practice & Play	Mon & Wed evenings June 17 – August 7
Volunteer Coaches	Application, screening & background check required.

**No Rainouts** – We encourage a team activity, & some play at the park even if it's wet outside. (exception: Coaches may choose to cancel; they must notify their players & the league office.)

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#### Additional safety rules for Pre Tee:

- No child plays the catcher position in Pre Tee
- No sliding. Children should be taught to avoid collisions.
- The coach positioned at home plate is responsible for moving the bat and tee out of the way before the runner crosses the plate.

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#### **Div. 1 Pre Tee Game Guidelines**

#### Batting

- Every player bats every inning. Every hit is a home run.
- Batting team coach is stationed at the plate and sets the ball on the tee for the player.
- Batting team has a parent volunteer "base coach" at 1st, 2nd, 3rd base to encourage the batter around the bases.
- After hitting the ball, player should safely drop the bat and run all the way around the bases. Batting team coach should get the tee out of the way before the batter reaches home.
- Inning ends when everyone has batted once.
- Coaches may mix up the batting order each inning if they'd like.

#### On Defense (in the field)

- All players are distributed in an arc on the infield.
- Their coach is in pitching circle.
- No one in the outfield. No catcher.
- Defensive players should simply learn to scoop up the batted ball and throw it accurately overhand to the coach in the pitching circle. (We do not try to get "outs" in this division.)
- Parent helpers may also be on the infield but they may not touch the ball.
- Defensive players/parents may not stand in the path of the base runner.
- Defensive players/parents may not stand standing any closer to homeplate than the pitching circle.
- Inning ends when batting team has completed their line-up.

#### Div. 1 Pre Tee for 3-4 yrs (must be 3 by June 17)

Safety Foam Bats, Safety Tee-Balls; Mini-Tee; Throw-down bases

40' base paths / 10' Foul Line arc/ 10' pitch circle

40 minutes max.

Do not start another half inning, even if home team didn't get last at bats.

#### All games are listed on schedule as (Visitor v Home)

Home Team starts in field; Visitors start batting.

Visitors take 1st base side "dugout"; Home takes 3rd base side dugout.

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