

## 2023 T-Ball Division Rules – Pre-K & Kindergarten

### 1. Division Overview

The WBL Coed T-Ball League invites boys and girls in Pre-K & Kindergarten to play in an instructional league

Teams will be coached by parent volunteers

A two-week practice season will start in mid-April, followed by a seven-week game season with approx. 10 scheduled games for each team

Games will follow a more traditional baseball format to prepare youths to excel in future leagues

### 2. Eligibility

Children currently in Pre-K & Kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year

### 3. Division Guidelines & Rules

Three primary objectives for each team:

Each player will learn the fundamentals of the game of baseball

Each player will learn what it means to work together as a team

The goal is to get kids excited about the sport of baseball, make friends, and have fun!

### 4. Practice

Practices will last for 60 minutes

Practices should end by 8pm on school nights

### 5. Game Format

Teams will share the field equally for pre-game warm-ups

Games will last 4 innings or 60 minutes, whichever comes first

Games should end by 8pm on school nights

Each inning ends when the team at bat has gone through its batting line up, and each player has gotten a turn at bat.

The remaining runners on base will run the bases and touch home plate at the end of every inning

This is just for fun, and a way to practice running the bases

There are no forfeits; if one team does not have enough players, coaches are to divide up players from both teams in order to be able to still play the game

### 6. Hitting

Players must hit from a tee

Each team must create an organized batting order for each game

Batting orders should be changed for each game

Batters must wear helmets

Batters will be given 6 swings at the tee

If unsuccessful, the batter will still proceed to first base

## 7. Fielding

Within each game, each player will be placed in an infield position for half of the innings and outfield position for half of the innings

Exceptions may include physical or safety reasons determined by the coaching staff & made known to the player's parents

Players will play the same position in in-field for 2 innings, and then the same position in the outfield for 2 innings.

The goal is to get the children exposure to each position in the field; therefore, their two infield and outfield positions should change with each game played

Players in the pitcher position must wear a helmet with a face mask

The Pitcher should throw to a base to make an out

Do not allow pitchers to run the ball to home plate more than one time each inning

Outfielders should be positioned in the grass and should not be allowed to move into the infield during an inning

Only 7 players max can play in the infield at one time

Infield positions include the following:

Pitcher

1st Base

2nd Base

3rd Base

Shortstop

All remaining players in the outfield

## 8. Base Running

Batters must stop at first on a hit

Runners should advance one base at a time

No lead offs

Base runners will retire to their bench if they are thrown out at a base or tagged while running between bases

No stealing bases

The WBL prohibits sliding in the T-Ball division.

Coaches should not encourage sliding or teach players how to slide, and must put a stop to any sliding by players

## 9. Scoring

Score is not kept as this is a developmental league

## 10. Uniforms

All players should wear the WBL provided uniform

Jersey & cap

All players must wear baseball pants

All players must wear cleats during both practices and games

No metal cleats allowed

## 11. Equipment

Each team will receive an equipment bag that includes:

2 bats (24" and 25")

1 Ball

Players may use their own bat as long as it meets T-ball bat size regulations

The T-ball bat size regulations are 25"/26" length and 15/16oz weight.

Additionally, all players have agreed to the following consent form at time of registration: This agreement will be enforced.

### LIABILITY WAIVER:

Having been informed of the organization of the Westlake Baseball League Co., to provide supervised baseball games for children, "I, the above-named parent/guardian do hereby agree individually and on

behalf of the above-named player, do give my approval to his/her participation in any, and all, of the scheduled practices, activities or games offered during the current season. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of and transportation to the scheduled practices, activities or games. I assume any and all medical costs incident thereto. I do further hereby release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Westlake Baseball League Co., the organizers, sponsors, and the supervisors appointed by them. I likewise accept the sole responsibility to transport my child to or from WBL scheduled practices, activities or games.

**LINDSAY'S LAW: SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST IN YOUTH ATHLETES:** In accordance with this law, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and other stakeholders jointly developed guidelines and other relevant materials to

inform and educate students and youth athletes participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

Additional information at: <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx>

#### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

As parent, I authorize representatives of the Westlake Baseball League Co. to seek emergency medical care for my named child. I also agree that in an emergency, medical services be allowed to transport and care for my child as long as reasonably practical.

#### UNIFORM AGREEMENT

I hereby agree that my child will wear the official Westlake Baseball League uniform in order to play. The official Westlake Baseball League uniform will be a baseball cap, game jersey and socks (provided by the WBL) and plain white or gray baseball pants (provided by parents) and cleats (not metal spikes). Any player not wearing the complete official uniform will not be permitted to play.

#### USE OF PHOTO AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize Westlake Baseball League and its officers to use my child's photo taken during our participation in Westlake Baseball League activities and events. Westlake Baseball League may use the image in perpetuity, alone or accompanied by other material, in any manner on its website or social media outlets. I hereby waive any right to inspect and approve the finished image. I agree that the image is owned by Westlake Baseball League.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree to uphold the rules and regulation of the Westlake Baseball League. I agree to ensure that my child(ren) will uphold the rules and regulations of the Westlake Baseball League. I certify that I have read and understand the rules and regulations as detailed at [www.westlake-baseball.com](http://www.westlake-baseball.com). I agree to support an enthusiastic and positive environment for parents, players, coaches and referees. I agree that the use of any unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, intimidation, threats, or violence, whether physical or psychological will not be tolerated and the Westlake Baseball League reserves the right to expel any spectator, participant, parent or coach from current and /or future Westlake Baseball League activities for displaying any of these behaviors.

- I understand my child will play in his age or grade appropriate league. • I understand the league is mixed-competitive and participants of all skill levels are encouraged to play equally.
- I understand that I will supervise or arrange for another adult to supervise my child(ren) at all Westlake Baseball League practices, games or events.
- I understand the league is an all-volunteer organization and I will treat all participants, coaches, board members, referees and volunteers with dignity and respect, at all times. • I understand as the parent/guardian of a participant, I may be asked to volunteer and assist with an activity.
- I understand that if I volunteer or assist as a coach or assistant coach in the Westlake Baseball League, I will complete a Kid Safe Risk Management Form bi-yearly as required by the Westlake Baseball League and the Westlake Baseball League may be billed directly for the fee.

THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION IS NOT CORRECT, I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD (PLAYER) MAY BE INELIGIBLE TO PLAY. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE VERIFIED.

All coaches have agreed to the following code of conduct and consent form at the time of registration. Its agreement will be enforced.

#### COACH, ASSISTANT COACH AND VOLUNTEER CONSENT

By agreeing below, I agree to uphold the rules and regulation of the Westlake Baseball League. I certify that I have read and understand the rules and regulations as detailed at [www.westlake-baseball.com](http://www.westlake-baseball.com).

Additionally, I agree to support an enthusiastic and positive environment for parents, players, coaches and referees. I agree the use of any unsportsmanlike conduct, insults, profanity, intimidation, threats, or violence whether physical or psychological will not be tolerated and the Westlake Baseball League reserves the right to evict any spectator, participant, parent or coach from current and/or future Westlake Baseball League activities for displaying any of these behaviors. I will report any such incidents to the Westlake Baseball League President/Vice President.

I understand the league is mixed competitive and participants of all levels of skill are encouraged to play equally.

I understand the league is an all-volunteer organization and I will treat all participants, coaches, board members, referees and volunteers with dignity and respect, at all times.

I understand that I must complete a Kid Safe Risk Management Form bi-yearly as required by the Westlake Baseball League and that I am unable to coach or participate as a volunteer until the form is completed and reviewed by WBL.