

Code of Ethics/Philosophy

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO LIVE UP TO THE FOLLOWING SFYBL CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) I WILL PLACE THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF MY PLAYERS AHEAD OF ANY PERSONAL DESIRE TO WIN.
- 2) I WILL REMEMBER TO TREAT EACH PLAYER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, REMEMBERING THE LARGE SPREAD OF EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AGE GROUP.
- 3) I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLAY SITUATION FOR MY PLAYERS AND STAFF.
- 4) I WILL REVIEW AND PRACTICE THE NECESSARY FIRST AID PRINCIPLES NEEDED TO TREAT INJURIES OF MY PLAYERS.
- 5) I WILL DO MY BEST TO ORGANIZE PRACTICES THAT ARE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL MY PLAYERS.
- 6) I WILL LEAD, BY EXAMPLE, IN DEMONSTRATING FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL MY PLAYERS.
- 7) I WILL INSURE THAT I AM KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RULES OF **SFYBL** BASEBALL AND THAT I WILL TEACH THESE RULES TO MY PLAYERS.
- 8) I WILL USE THOSE COACHING TECHNIQUES APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OF THE SKILLS THAT I TEACH.
- 9) I WILL REMEMBER THAT I AM A YOUTH COACH, AND THAT THE GAME IS FOR CHILDREN AND NOT ADULTS.

2009 SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE T – BALL 1 and T-BALL 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1 ADMINISTRATION

1. The overall direction of the S.F.Y.B.L. is the sole responsibility of the S.F.Y.B.L. Executive Committee, whose members have been appointed to represent all players and coaches.

A) Executive Committee

1. S.F. P.A.L. Representative – Joanna Doyle
2. S.F. Recreation & Park Representative – Tim Figueras
3. S.F. Fire Dept. FLAME Representative – Joe Hallisy

- B. The Executive Committee shall designate the duties of the At - Large Members:

Ellen McCarthy- Rachelle Henley
Pete Franceschi –Larry Medcalf

3. Division Commissioners:

T-BALL 1 & 2 Commissioner – Rachelle Henley

1. Baseball Committee

- a) The Baseball Committee will be composed of the members of The Executive Committee and the At - Large Members.
- b) The Baseball Committee upon information provided by the Division Director and his designated assistants, will have the authority to render all decisions regarding the conduct of all matters involving the rules and philosophy of the S.F.Y.B.L.

2. Baseball Committee Meetings

Kindly call the S.F. Recreation & Park office for specific times and dates of meetings. Proposals to be placed on the Baseball Committee agenda, must be submitted in writing to the League office by the Friday preceding any meeting.

Phone numbers: 831-6318.

RULE 2

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All coaches, parents and players are expected to adhere to the SFYBL statement of philosophy and exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play at all times. Any violation of this may be reported to the SFYBL Board.

RULE 3

ROSTERS

- A) Tee ball-1 division is made up of kindergarten players.
- B) Tee ball-2 division is made up of kindergarten and 1st grade players.
- C) **Players can participate in one grade higher than the grade he/she is registered in. Mixed grade teams must play in the higher grade division.**
- D) All rosters must list a minimum of twelve (12) eligible players.
- E) Any additions to the rosters must be submitted in writing to the league office prior to the player participating in league game.

RULE 4

PLAYING RULES

A) LENGTH OF GAMES

- 1. Games shall consist of five innings of play, or a one and a half hour time limit. No inning shall start after time has expired.
- 2. **Maximum of TEN (10) BATTERS CONSTITUTE AN INNING. ALL PLAYERS PRESENT BAT IN CONTINUOUS ORDER.**

B) BATTING & RUNNING

- 1. Tee ball-1 (Kindergarten) forty (40) foot bases
Tee ball-2 (Kindergarten/1st grade) fifty (50) foot bases
- 2. Batters and runners must wear a batting helmet.
- 3. Catchers must wear full gear. This consists of a mask, shin guards, catcher's helmet, chest protector, throat guard and protective cup (it is strongly recommended that all players wear a cup.)
- 4. Batters must hit the ball fair. There will be no balls, strikes or bunting.
- 5. A deliberately thrown bat will result in the players being declared automatically out. It will be the umpire's judgment whether or not the bat has been deliberately thrown
- 6. There shall be no leads. A player may not leave the base until the ball has been struck by the batter. Each runner must run station to station (1st-2nd, 2nd-3rd, 3rd-home).
- 7. There shall be no stealing of bases.

C) FIELDING

- 1. All players must participate in the field in each game. Each player must play two consecutive innings with no more than three innings in any one position. **IN THE SPIRIT OF THE S.F.Y.B.L. PHILOSOPHY, SUBSTITUTIONS OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PARTICIPATED MUST BE MADE AFTER ONE HOUR OF PLAY TO PRECLUDE ANY PLAYER NOT RECEIVING HIS/HER REQUIRED THREE (3) INNINGS OF PLAY.**
- 2. Twelve players will be used defensively. Four outfielders and extra infielders are to be stationed between the first and second base position, and between shortstop and second base.

RULE 4 (cont.)

3. The fielding pitcher must wear a batting helmet.
4. The fielding pitcher must be within three feet of the pitching mound.
5. Once the fielding pitcher receives the ball from his/her teammates, near the pitching mound, the ball is dead and play will stop.
6. Ground rules on all overthrows shall be one base awarded on all occasions.
7. A coach may be positioned in the outfield to coach the outfielders.

RULE 5

SCORING

Since this is a learning league, no score will be kept. There are no winner or losers and there is no need for a scorebook. No standings will be distributed.

RULE 6

UMPIRES

The offensive coach is the official umpire as designated by each team. It is suggested that League Rules be provided to anyone acting as an umpire in a S.F.Y.B.L. game.

RULE 7

EQUIPMENT

- A) Teams shall provide their own equipment (teams may share gear).
- B) A dozen safety balls (soft) will be distributed by the league to each coach.
- C) All purpose or tennis shoes are recommended. No metal spikes are allowed.

RULE 8

MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A) Managers and/or coaches are responsible for the actions of their team's players, team members, and team supporters (spectators).
 1. Managers/coaches shall not use any word(s) and/or actions to incite their team's members and/or supporters to demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - a. Demonstrations which disrupt the game are unsportsmanlike.
 - b. Demonstrations abusive to the umpires are unsportsmanlike.
 2. Managers/coaches shall not encourage or allow attempts at verbal intimidation of the opposing team by their team's members and/or supporters.
 - a. There shall be no "negative chatter" directed at the opposing team.
 - b. "Positive chatter" by team members with their teammates is permitted and encouraged.
 3. Managers/coaches shall refrain from the use of foul and profane language and they shall prevent the use of such language by their team members and/or supporters.
 4. Managers/coaches shall not use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs of any kind. They shall not permit the use of any such substances within their team's playing area, and they are responsible for encouraging their team's supporters to remove any such items from the vicinity of the playing field.

Rule 8 cont.

5. Except when legitimately on the playing field in accordance with the rules, the manager, coaches, players, and team members shall remain with their designated team areas (bench, dugout, bullpen, warm-up area, etc.) throughout the games. Players should never be allowed behind the backstop.
 - a. If a player/team member leaves the vicinity of the field for any reason, he/she remains the responsibility of the manager/coach.
 - b. Only a manager/coach may enter the playing field to make inquiry and/or obtain a ruling, and only with the permission of the umpire.
6. Offensive coaches will consist of a batting coach at home plate and one coach at 1st base and one coach at 3rd base.
7. All Managers/Coaches must be listed on the SFYBL Fingerprint List to be eligible to coach in this League.

RULE 9

GENERAL CONDUCT

- A) Players or adult volunteers who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting, abusive language or similarly derogatory activity, may be suspended for one or more games.
 1. Teams, players or adult volunteers in violation of this general conduct policy may be removed from further league play.
- B) San Francisco Youth Baseball implements these general conduct policies with specific rules and regulations, as contained herein.

RULE 10

INJURY REPORTS

- A) When a player or coach/manager is injured, an injury report must be filed the next working day with the Recreation & Park Department Office with the following:
 1. Details surrounding the injury and information about the treating facility must be submitted in writing.
 2. Sundays and legal holidays are not working days.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH BASEBALL TEE-BALL RULES

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REMEMBER, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE, TO TEACH THESE YOUNGSTERS HOW TO PROPERLY PLAY THE GAME, LEARN TO BE GOOD SPORTS AND TEAMMATES. OUR COACHES ARE THE KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON. PLEASE TRY TO MAKE IT FUN FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND TO AVOID THE UNNECESSARY PRESSURE TO WIN.