

Tball

This is an entry level division for children 3-5 years old. The Tball guidelines target introductory level skills and are set up to develop players that have little to no experience in baseball. All players get to bat and field. There are no “outs” and no score is kept. Fundamentals of sitting on the bench, how to hit a ball off a T, and which way to run the bases are taught on offense. There is no pitching to the players. On defense, they will learn how to retrieve a ball, throw the ball and where to throw the ball. They will also learn patience in standing around.

Our objective is to form teams with players close to the same age. The Tball division typically has 6-8 teams of 12 players during a season. We try to group as many 3 year olds with 3 year olds, 4 year olds with 4 year olds, etc. The intent is to keep the teams together as they progress through our age oriented program in East Valley Baseball.

There are many players who start Tball at age three and after 2 or 3 seasons of Tball they grasp the fundamentals of what is being taught. Some of these players are ready to learn more progressive baseball skills. Our next level, advanced Tball, adds a couple more components to bridge the gap between Tball and Coach Pitch.

Advanced Tball

This is a developmental level division for players who have played Tball or understand the basic skills associated with Tball. Players should know which way to run the bases, field a ball, throw a ball, and have patience to stand around on defense. No scores will be kept but outs will occur and runners will have to go back to the bench. Half way through the season, coaches will start pitching to the batter to see if they are ready to move on to the Coach Pitch division. If the batter doesn't hit the ball, the T will be brought in.

Our objective for this division is to form teams of 4 and 5 year olds. This is a fairly new division for East Valley Baseball, so we are still working on logistics and policies with the coaches to make it a good learning experience for this level.

It is intended to help younger players (4 year olds) that know baseball but not quite ready to play coach pitch with 5-6 year olds. The Rookie A division is a beginning coach pitch level and no T is used.

ALL players bat and play in the field each inning in our Tball, Adv. Tball, and Rookie A divisions. Please call the league with any questions about our program and the divisions offered. 480.822.8148