

**ALAMO HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE
T-BALL PROGRAM(Ages 5-6)
PHILOSOPHY
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The purpose of the T-Ball program is to teach the game of baseball to children who have only a beginner's knowledge of baseball. Practices, games and equipment are controlled to reduce risk and maximize learning opportunities. The emphasis of the program is on learning, and not game scores. The AHLL does not keep game results or league standings in the T-Ball program. Each coach shall furnish their batting order with player names and numbers to the announcer's booth prior to the game. *The home team is responsible for adult supervision of the announcers' booth and the visiting team is responsible for providing 1 person for the concession stand during the entire game. Failure to provide these positions will result in delaying the game. The Umpire will not start the game until these requirements are met, and the playing time of this game will be reduced by the time it takes to fill these positions.*

A. The games will last one hour. The game will end at the scheduled time regardless of when it was begun. It is up to the coaches to have their teams ready to play at the appointed time.

B. AHLL plays T-ball using the safe/out method. Every batter is always safe while the defense is still trying to make an out. Do not attempt to advance runners any more than would have occurred with proper fielding. There is no base stealing or sliding. We encourage the defense to make the proper defensive play, while still allowing the batter the opportunity to learn to run the bases.

C. Each team will bat their entire roster each inning. Each team will play their entire roster in the field each inning. AHLL recommends that you try to set your defense as close to the true positions as possible and place the rest of the players in the outfield. Try to rotate all defensive players each inning to a different defensive position.

D. A batting coach will be at the Tee for each of his/hers players at bat. That coach will be responsible for making sure the defensive team is ready before placing the ball on the Tee. There can be up to two defensive coaches in the outfield giving constructive suggestions to the players.

E. Coaches and players are responsible for cleaning out their dugouts subsequent to their game. Coaches are requested to ask their spectators to clean up their bleachers.

F. **Good sportsmanship** should be used at all times by every participant or observer of the game. Taunting, negative comments, and foul language will **not be tolerated**.