



## 2021 FALMOUTH T-BALL Rules - Age 4

[www.falmouthlittleleague.net](http://www.falmouthlittleleague.net)

Players should arrive at the field about 9:00 am on Saturday. Coaches should run some basic drills for about 30 minutes. Games will begin about 9:40 and run for about 35 – 40 minutes. Children will be divided each week into two teams. Every child gets to hit and then teams switch and the other team bats through their order. All kids get a single advancing 1 base at a time and the last hitter gets to hit the GRAND SLAM! There are no outs. Each game is roughly 1-2 innings – mutually decided by the coaches with a hard stop at 10:30 am.

The most important things are: SAFETY & HAVING FUN.

The tee will be every player's first option and it is strongly recommended they hit from the tee all season at age 4. Coaches will need to be sure that every effort is made to allow for the same number of at bats for all kids on both teams. This is an instructional league with no wins or losses.

**For COVID-19 safety reasons players and coaches at all levels/leagues in 2021 must wear a face mask during practices and games.** 4 Year-Old Tee Ball players should also follow these safety rules:

1. Only 1 bat is allowed out of the equipment bag and NO ONE SHOULD SWING unless a coach is supervising. Kids will bring their own bats, so please be prepared to take control of them until game time.
2. No "pig-piling". Try to teach the kids to spread out and only field balls that are hit at them or 1 step to either side. We try to have them envision bowling lanes between them and home plate – if a ball is in their bowling lane then they may field it. Also, teach them to talk – say "I got it!" and communicate. One player will field the ball and throw to first base.
3. Try to rotate positions and give every child a chance to play every position.
4. Rotate batting order so that every child has equal opportunity to hit last.
5. ABSOLUTELY NO PHYSICAL OR VERBAL ABUSE will be tolerated from one player to another. If there are any issues, please communicate immediately to League VP, Kevin Grimes, who will further communicate with the league and the parents as appropriate.
6. All kids must be sitting in a designated team area when their team is hitting. The only kids that should be standing are those on base and the ONE child hitting. We do not want a child walking into a bat being swung or tossed.
7. No throwing bats or helmets. Please try to teach the kids to drop the bat (not throw) after they hit. And, when the inning is over, have them jog in and place the equipment in their bench area, get their hats and gloves and jog out to the field.

### Rainout Policy

You can check the town of Falmouth website at [www.town.falmouth.me.us](http://www.town.falmouth.me.us) as they make the decision on the playability of the fields. One Board member will also be assigned to notify this league in the event of a cancellation and will make every effort to communicate by 8:30 am Saturday morning.

### Your Child

If your child has any allergies, health issues, etc., please let one of their coaches know. The most common of these is/are bee stings, pollen or freshly cut grass. If we need to have Benedryl, Sudafed or, any other medication on hand, please let us know. Also, if anyone needs any special attention (i.e. shyness, etc.), please let us know that too – we will be sure to make it fun and comfortable for everyone!