

VANDENBERG YOUTH SPORTS

TEE BABB LEAGUE (5-6 YEAR OLDS) 2009

1. **PURPOSE:** The Vandenberg Youth Sports Cap League program is designed to afford each child the opportunity to develop skills in an organized program. The league is designed for the children; therefore rules and by-laws are adjusted to allow for safe, fun, and supervised competition.
2. **OFFICIAL RULES:** These by-laws will govern all league rules. These by-laws are subject to change.
3. **GENERAL POLICIES:**
 - a. **Team Rosters:** Teams will have a maximum of 12 players and a minimum 8.
 - b. Coaches are responsible for making initial contact with their parents and players and then ensuring contact is made when/if any changes occur in practice/game times and dates.
 - c. Newly assigned players must have one practice session prior to being eligible to play scheduled games.
4. **HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS:**
 - a. An injured player will not re-enter a game if the player's health is jeopardized.
 - b. A physician's decision will be abided by in all cases involving injuries to youth participating in the remainder of the season.
 - c. No participant will be permitted to participate if he/she is wearing a cast or has received any type of concussion.
5. **EQUIPMENT:**
 - a. A Reduced Injury Factor (RIF) ball will be used for practices/games.
 - b. Helmets that meet NOCSAE standards or equivalent will be worn by batters, base runners while on the playing field. There will not be an on deck person on the playing field and any time.
 - c. Metal cleats will not be used at any time.
 - d. Vandenberg Youth Sports will provide a hat and a game shirt to each participant.
 - e. All equipment will be stored in the Tee Ball shed and will be returned to the shed after all practices and games.
6. **PLAYING TIME:**
 - a. Each player will start a minimum of 2 games during the season.
 - b. Players must play at least 2 innings per game.
 - c. No player sits out twice in one game before everyone has sat out at least once.
7. **LENGTH OF GAME:** All games will consist of 5 innings and/or be no less than 1 hour but no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes. All games will finish the inning before ending the game.

8. PLAYING FIELD:

- a. The location for practices and games will be played on both the tee ball field and cap Fields.
- b. The home team will occupy the 1st baseline dugout, while the visiting team will occupy the 3rd baseline dugout.
- c. Teams will be responsible for cleaning their area after each game and practice.

9. PLAYING RULES:

- a. Batters Tee will be use in this division.
- b. Playing time will be 1hour game time.
- c. Scores/Standings will not be kept.
DEFENSE: There will be no catchers in this league. The pitcher will cover home plate.
- d. There will be 9 players on the playing field when playing defense.
OFFENSE: League rules apply. After the third out is made, the teams will switch sides. In addition, once all players on the roster have batted one time, teams will switch sides regardless if three outs have been accomplished.
- d. Everyone will bat off the tee with 3 chances to hit the ball.
- e. . There are no walks in Cap League.
- f. Only players and coaches are allowed on the field.
- g. When the pitcher has control of the ball, all play will stop, except for the play at first base. If the runner is more than halfway to the base, he/she will continue to that base. Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- h. If a team does not have enough players to start a game, every attempt will be made to ensure the game is played, i.e., a scrimmage, sharing players, etc.
- i. Runners must try to avoid contact with fielders.
- j. Throwing the bat is an automatic out. One warning to each team at the beginning of the game may be given.
- k. Coaches must ensure the minimum playing time for his/her players.
- l. The “advance after the third strike” will not be used.

10. COACHING ETHICS: All coaches will adhere to the NYSCA Coaches Code of Ethics.

11. SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected at all times and by all involved with the program. Anything less will be unacceptable.

12. HAVE FUN!!