

Lafayette Youth Baseball

Shetland Rules



The Shetland Division is a purely instructional, non-competitive division. It uses a combination of T-ball and coach pitching and emphasizes teaching the basic rules and fundamental skills of baseball. Lafayette Youth Baseball believes in developing an environment of friendly competition with little emphasis on winning -- no scoring or stats are kept. All players will play the entire game

- Each game will consist of two innings
- Each game shall last 1 hour or less
- The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
- All players shall bat every inning regardless of outs. No official score will be kept.
- All players shall be used defensively at all times. You may randomly move them around the infield and outfield
- Batters will be allowed 5 pitches to bat a ball. If the player misses all 5 pitches then the ball will be placed on a tee.
- The coach from the batting team will play catcher and will retrieve balls for the coach/pitcher.
- Base runners shall remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- Free substitution and player movement on defense are permitted.
- Players are not permitted to pitch. The pitcher/fielder shall stay in contact with the pitcher's plate until the ball is hit by the batter.
- Have your batting roster ready before the start of each game.
- Have a parent in the dugout to help with organization – it is important to get the players in the correct batting order and to help players find their gloves/hats.
- The visiting team on the schedule should be in the 1st base dugout and the home team in the 3rd base dugout.
- Each team will play a 8 game schedule.
- Recommended practice times shall be 1 hour or less.