



# Bloordale Baseball League

## Convenor's Manual

### *Evaluation (continued)*

The evaluation clinic should be set up somewhat along the following guidelines.

The players line up at the door after they have checked in with the convenor.

The first station is the rating of speed. Each player is timed by a coach volunteer as they run from one side of the gym and back again. Later the convenor will convert the time into a rating out of 10 based on a comparison of all the players times.

The second station is the rating for fielding, catching and throwing. Two coach volunteers will assist at this point. One coach will have a glove to throw and catch with the new players while the other coach enters the ratings on the evaluation form. Each player should be given 5 grounders and 5 flyballs to catch. The rating coach will observe how the player throws the ball back after they have made the catch.

The third station will be for hitting. The coach volunteer will load the ball on the tee and observe as each player is allowed to hit 5 balls. An older sibling may be helpful at this station to catch or retrieve the batted balls.

**If time permits, all of the coach volunteers should take any opportunity they have to also instruct the new players in the skills needed for this level of baseball.**

### *Clinic*

As the convenor of the T-Ball division, you should schedule a player / coach clinic at the start of the season. This can take place on a Saturday morning, one week before the games begin. Talk to the executive about the availability of veteran rep / select coaches who may be interested in running such a clinic.

After the learning is done, arrange to have some pizza and drinks delivered to the field for all the players.

### *Equipment*

The tees used in this division take a lot of abuse over the season. Check the condition of the tees often because typically 1 or more of them will break during a season. Talk to the Equipment Manager to make sure that he / she has at least 1 new tee in storage.

**You can't play T-Ball without a tee!**

During the playoffs, you should carry an extra tee in your trunk for emergencies.



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### *Diamonds*

Over the past few years, Millvalley School has held a barbecue for the students during the month of June. Our T-Ball diamonds are located on their property and will not be available on this evening. Contact the school office about this and any other potential conflict, and re-schedule any games if necessary.

**No person involved with Bloordale T-Ball should climb fences and enter private property of the adjoining homes to retrieve a ball.** Tell your coaches before the season begins to leave the balls where they land. The kinder homeowners will return the balls, but we don't want to lose our privileges at these diamonds due to an excess of complaints.

### *Umpiring and Supervision*

Umpiring for the T-Ball division, during the regular season, is done by the coaches. The offensive team has a coach at 1st base, 3rd base and home plate (to load the tee). These persons will make the calls at their respective bases. If your coaches agree that learning, fun and fair play are most important, disputes should not occur.

During the playoffs, you can schedule umpires by using coaches who are not involved with teams playing the game. Each coach can umpire 1 game during the playoffs along with his / her coaching duties.

The coaches for the defensive team are allowed to supervise their players from a position in the outfield. Too many "big" people on the field will interfere with the game, so you should limit the defensive team to 2 coaches in the outfield.

