



T-BALL GAME RULES

1. **FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT – THINK AND STRESS SAFETY AND FUN!**

2. Coach of the *batting team* will pitch to his/her own team. Coach of the *fielding team* will catch for his/her own team.
3. T-ball bases shall be 50' apart. When pitching, the coach should position themselves at an appropriate distance to give the batter an opportunity to succeed. As a general rule, pitch overhand to boys and underhand to girls.
4. In the first inning the Tee *may* be used (with no pitches), although a coach may pitch to the team if they have practiced live batting and are "game-ready." In subsequent innings the coach should pitch to the batters. An at-bat shall consist of 3 and only 3 pitches (even bad pitches). If a child does not get a hit in those 3 pitches then the Tee will be used.
5. T-batters *do not* sit on the bench when the team is fielding; all defensive players should take the field. If teams are very uneven, players from the larger team may play on the smaller team to level the team sizes.
6. An inning shall consist of each team batting once through all of their players. Outs are not counted in the inning. However, if a child is thrown out he or she must leave the field (they need to learn what an out is, too!). **Don't forget positive reinforcement (great job!).**
7. A few parents are encouraged to take the field with the defensive players to better coach them to make plays; these coaches should not interfere in plays but merely encourage the players.
8. Only the adult pitcher and catcher will call any plays during the game. Coaches on the sideline and on the field should defer all calls to the pitcher and the catcher.
9. The adult pitcher cannot make any plays and the adult catcher cannot take extravagant measures to make a play.
10. There will be **NO** – bat throwing, walks, bunting, base stealing, lead-offs or sliding.
11. Time outs are not automatic; they have to be called by the coach and only the coach.
12. Overthrows to any base allow the runner to advance one base.
13. Uniforms (hat and shirt) should be worn for all games.
14. Players must have fielding gloves, hats, bats and any other personal items marked with names. Coaches and/or the league are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal items.
15. No scores or standings will be kept by the league (strictly for fun ... **Everyone wins!**).
16. All regular season games will start at 9:00 a.m. and end by 10:15 a.m.

THIS LEAGUE'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN A SAFE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT!!!!