

# **T-Ball League Rules**

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## **Rules**

- Same as Little League Baseball with the following exceptions.

## **Playing Field**

- Game time is 5:45 pm on weekdays.
- Baselines are approximately 50 feet apart.
- Pitching rubber is 35 feet from home plate.
- The pitcher is a fielding position, the pitcher must stand with both feet on the pitching rubber until the ball is hit, he/she can then move off of it to make the play.
- There will be a 5 foot arc from baseline to baseline.

## **Equipment**

- Rubber baseball shoes or tennis shoes must be worn at all times. (No open toed shoes)
- No metal spikes allowed.
- All players must wear a team uniform consisting of a cap and team shirt.
- All players must provide their own gloves.

## **Players**

- A team may play with a minimum of 7 players.
- All players will bat and all players will field.
- Both pitchers and catchers are required to wear a helmet for their safety.

## **Game**

- A complete game will consist of 3 innings played, or one hour. Whichever comes first.
- Any inning started will be completed.
- An inning will be considered over after everyone has batted.
- No official score will be kept.
- It will be both coaches responsibility to work with the schedule coordinator to reschedule rainouts.

## **Coach Responsibilities**

- Home team must set up field.
- Home team is to provide game ball, tee, and bases. It is the responsibility of the home team to set up the field.
- The offensive coach will place the ball on the tee and start play for every batter by calling “Play Ball”.
- The coach is responsible for keeping the catcher at a safe distance from the batter.

### **Ball in Play**

- The ball must be hit a minimum of 5 feet from home plate to be considered “in play”. If the ball does not exceed this distance, then it shall be repitched/ placed on the tee for another swing.
- There will be no stealing or advancing on an overthrow.
- **Anyone making an out will be removed from the bases.**
- Number of outs does not constitute an inning, everyone will bat.
- If the ball is hit past the infield players, base runners may advance 1 extra base at their own risk (or at their coach’s discretion) without passing up a base runner in front of them. The base runners shall stop advancing when the ball reaches the infield again.

### **Batting**

- All players will bat in each of the three innings (time allowed)
- All batters will hit off the tee for all three innings.
- **As of May 23<sup>rd</sup> the following will be in effect for all batters.** *First inning: all players will hit off the tee, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> inning: Batter will have the option of hitting off the tee or be pitched a maximum of 3 pitches (underhand or overhand) by the offensive coach. If the batter is unable to hit one of the 3 pitches then the tee must be used.*
- A maximum of 3 pitches will be strictly enforced unless the player fouls off the 3rd pitch, the batter will be pitched another ball.
- It is the responsibility of the coach to place the tee with the ball on home plate following the third missed pitch.
- If a bat is thrown, there will be a warning issued to the team. Anyone on the team throwing a second will be ruled out even if the ball is hit in play.