

T-Ball Rules and Responsibilities

Game Play

1. All players must play the field each inning; this can be achieved by playing extra infielders and outfielders.
2. Managers should rotate positions of the players each inning. No player should play the same position for more than one inning in a game.
3. The first (1st) two weeks of the season (4 games) must be played with teams hitting off the tee. **NO PITCHING IS ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME.**
 - a. This is critical to developing the young player's batting stance and swing.
 - b. Managers should focus on correcting player's batting stance, swing, and footwork during this time.
2. After the first two weeks of the season (4 games) the coaches may begin to pitch to the players. The following rules apply:
 - a. Only team managers or designated coaches may pitch.
 - b. Managers should pitch from one knee to avoid pitching down to players.
 - c. The pitch should be a lob-type with enough speed to maintain a level path {NO fast pitching is allowed}
 - d. Each batter is allowed five pitches. After five pitches without a hit, the manager must bring out the tee to complete the players at bat
 - e. There are no strikeouts or walks; a player's at bat continues until he/she hits the ball into the field of play (either from a pitch or the tee)
3. All players bat in each inning.
 - f. The team's at-bat continues until the last batter in the order is reached.
 - g. The Manager should announce to the opposing team when the last batter is up at bat.
 - h. Once the ball is hit, the last batter continues around the bases until tagged or thrown out. Any runners on base continue advancing until they reach home or are tagged out
 - i. Managers should rotate the batting orders every inning to avoid having the same player be the last batter each inning.
4. There are no head first slides or sliding into first base.
5. There are no lead-offs or base stealing.
6. Base runners are allowed to advance one base if the ball is hit to the infield and two bases if the ball is hit to the outfield.
7. During the first (1st) two weeks of the season (4 games) if the defensive team makes an out, the batter or base runner that is out may choose to remain on the base and continue as a runner during the inning.
8. After the first two weeks (4 games) if the defensive team makes an out, the batter or base runner that is out must return to the batting team's bench, (All batters will bat each inning regardless of the number of outs made).
9. Managers and coaches are encouraged to position themselves in the outfield when their team is on the field to assist the players with making the proper play on the ball.

General

1. A "soft" baseball, as provided by the league, is used at all times. No hard baseballs should be used anytime.
2. Home team is responsible for lining the field prior to their games and raking/dragging the field after the game.
3. All players must remain on the bench when their team is at bat. Only the batter and the on-deck batter are allowed outside the dugout.
4. All batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets. Adjustable game helmets will be located in the equipment box at the field.
5. No catcher is used in T-Ball.

6. Games will last 3 full innings or 1 ½ hours.
7. No score is kept in T-Ball ALL GAMES END IN a TIE!
8. Make-up games are at the discretion of the managers. Any rescheduling of games due to rainouts or other reason needs to be cleared through the T-Ball Commissioner. This will help avoid field scheduling conflicts.