

NTRA Inc. T-Ball Rules

1. The defensive team will play all players present on defense. Extra players other than normal position players will play in the outfield on the edge of the grass, with the exception of the CATCHER. The catcher position and pitcher will be played by an adult coach. A pitcher position will also be played by a child beside the adult coach.
2. Games will last 1 hour or 3 innings, whichever happens first. A new inning may not be started after the 1 hour time limit has been reached.
3. All games will be played with a soft contact safety ball.
4. All players must wear a helmet when batting, base running, or on deck. Please keep all children in dugouts at all times while there team is a bat.
5. Our helmets are equipped with face masks, however, IT IS NOT a requirement to wear a facemask on player owned helmets if parents so choose not have their child wear them. All NTRA owned masks must have face masks attached, and may not be removed. Please pass this on to your players parents.
6. A 10 foot semi-circle will be chalked on the field in front of home plate. The hit ball must roll 10 feet and out of this area to be considered a fair ball and in play. A ball on touching/on the line is a fair ball.
7. When a ball is hit, and does not roll 10 feet out of the semi-circle, it is set back on the tee and play resumes as a foul ball.
8. Batters will not be walked, batters will stay at bat until a fair ball is hit.
9. If a base runner gets put out at a base, the runner will stay on base as if he/she were safe. Most children at this age level do not fully understand this concept, and it should be encouraged that they all run the bases to learn and develop beginning base running skills.
10. Outs, balls, strikes and scores will not be kept.
11. Each team will bat through the entire batting order each inning.
12. Bunting is not allowed, batters must swing the bat.
13. Players may not leave the base until the ball is hit.
14. Coaches are allowed on the field, and encouraged to do so.
15. All players must be rotated to a different position each inning. Infield and outfield positions must be rotated in and out every inning as well. A parent or coach can help out to manage this line up rotation.
16. Coaches need to keep 3 balls with them in their glove for those who would like to have the opportunity to be pitched to. This should be determined early on, as to which child would like to try out being pitched to. Parent approval is required as well, as some may not be ready to try this option yet. Please inquire with ALL parents for approval before any child is pitched to.
17. Coaches will pitch only 3 balls to any batter who chooses this option, if the batter is not successful in 3 attempts, the ball will be placed on the Tee and hit from there until a fair ball is hit. Please position the child/player playing the pitchers position accordingly for when they face batters that are being pitched to for safety purposes.
18. Please help keep dugouts picked up, clean and tidy before you leave.
19. There is not an end of season Tee Ball tournament, the last game of the season will be when the children receive their awards.
20. Last but not least, this is intended to be an instructional and fun league, please use outstanding sportsmanship! This is the grass roots of our organization and should be thought of every time you step on the field. Always keep the children and sportsmanship in mind, and remember to always give positive reinforcement.