



T-Ball Rules



It is the Manager's responsibility to understand and follow the rules.

Batting and Base Running:

1. All players must wear a batting helmet (*protective cage optional*) while batting and running the bases.
2. Bats must be kept in the designated area. Under no circumstances should players be swinging bats near the bench or dugout; there is no on-deck area. All players that are not batting or playing defense must stay in the designated team area.
3. Batters may hit off the tee or be pitched to.
4. Coaches will pitch to their own team's players; only 3 pitches within the strike zone are allowed. If a batter fouls off the third pitch they will be allowed 1 additional pitch before they must use the tee.
5. If the batter uses the tee, the batter will have 3 swings to hit the ball; if the ball is not hit after 3 swings the coach will assist the player with their swing until the ball is hit off the tee. (*The purpose of hitting off the tee is for the batter to understand the proper techniques of swinging a bat to hit the baseball.*)
6. No player will strike out. It is the coach's job to get the players to hit the ball.
7. All players on the team will bat each inning. Outs will be recorded; the batter and base runners must return to their bench after three outs but three outs will not end the inning.
8. The player that bats at the end of the lineup will run out the bases until they are forced out at 1st base or tagged out at 2nd, 3rd or home.
9. After the 1st inning, each player will advance one position in the batting order (*8 to 1, 1 to 2, 2 to 3 and so on*). This gives each player the opportunity to run the bases in game based situations.
10. There is no stealing. Runners must stay on the base until the ball is hit.
11. The ball must travel 10 feet in fair territory or it is a foul ball.
12. When a ball is hit into the outfield and the outfielder has the ball, you run at your own risk. When the ball is returned to the infield it becomes a dead ball whether in possession of an infielder or not; runners that were past the halfway point to the next base are awarded that base.
13. Only adults are allowed to assist as catchers behind the plate.

Base Distance and Game Length:

1. Bases shall be 50 feet apart.
2. The game will be 60 minutes in length. No inning will begin after 50 minutes.

Scoring:

1. The purpose of scoring for this level is strictly to teach kids how the game is played. Players are to be informed on how runs were scored during the inning, and how to prevent the other team from scoring.
2. No wins and losses are recorded so coaches should not emphasize the score during or after the game.

Tee Ball is about learning and having fun!