

KINGSLEY/BUCKLEY/MESICK RECREATION LEAGUE, INC.
(5-6) YEAR-OLD T-BALL RULES
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- 1) The distance between all bases shall be 50 feet, 70' 9" from home plate to 2nd base. The point of home plate and the front of the pitchers rubber shall be 40 feet.
- 2) Three innings will constitute a complete game. Two innings will constitute a complete game in case of rain or adverse conditions. Umpire and coaches will make the call.
- 3) Teams can field up to 10 players (4 outfielders and 6 infielders, no short fielders allowed) Teams with less than seven (7) players will forfeit the game. Outfielders must play on the grass of outfield. Infielders need to start the play behind the baseline. Each player must play in the field at least two complete innings per game, unless injured, or team numbers do not make it possible. A player cannot play the same position in the same game. It is encouraged that players play both an infield and outfield position every game.
- 4) The pitcher will stand with one foot in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball is hit.
- 5) Each member of the team must bat at least once each inning. Each coach must have and follow a batting order. Each team will bat their own team each inning. No attention will be made to the number of players on each team. See rule 21.
- 6) Free defensive substitution may be made at any time of the game if time out has been called by the coach AND umpire.
- 7) There will be no stealing or leading off. No strikes will be called and no outs called on strikes. No walks will be issued. Each batter bats until they hit a fair ball.
- 8) The last batter in each inning must be announced to the umpire and players and coach of the opposing team. Failure to do this will result in the batter being out, and any base runner on base will automatically be called out.
- 9) No bunting. A batter must take a full swing.
- 10) If a runner off base, in fair territory gets hit by the ball, he/she is automatically out. Interference with contact by a defensive player to a base runner will be one base awarded to the runner
- 11) If the last batter's ball is caught in the air by a defensive player, the inning is over. If the ball is hit on the ground, all runs will count until home plate is touched by a defensive player in control of the ball. A ball hit into the field on the last batter **MUST** be thrown in to the catcher from the position fielded. No running it part way! Any one player from the defensive team is allowed to back up the catcher. A fielded ball that is run home will result in all base runners including the batter scoring.

- 12) There is no advancing on any throws/overthrows to any base. Once the ball is secured by an infielder the play is dead and no advancing of runners is allowed.
- 13) When the runners or runner stop at a base, they may not advance unless there is a play made on them. Once the ball is thrown to the infield players cannot advance any further, unless they are more than ½ way to the base.
- 14) A batted ball is considered dead when the bat hits the tee and not the ball. A batter hitting the tee and the ball is a ball in play. A ball hit in fair territory with the bat is a batted ball!! This call is up to the umpires discretion, and should be called immediately. There is no 15ft rule.
- 15) In the case of injury to any player, the umpire will immediately call time and all play will stop. The umpire will then determine where all the runners and the batter would have been had the play been allowed to proceed to its natural conclusion.
- 16) Home team will supply a new game ball, one good used ball, and a home plate umpire. Home team is also responsible for setting the bases. Visiting team supplies base umpire.
- 17) Batters cannot touch the ball or the batting tee at any time. The batter must ask the umpire to make any adjustments on the tee.
- 18) Shorts can be worn at the discretion of player/parents.
- 19) Base runners may not tag up and advance on a caught fly ball. There is no infield fly rule.
- 20) Umpire and both coaches will discuss all the above rules before the game begins.
- 21) Scorekeeping is the option of the coaches. There will be no standings. All players will get medals at the end of the year.
- 22) Two defensive coaches are allowed in the outfield to assist players, not to become part of the play.
- 23) Only T-ball bats are allowed to be used by any batter.
- 24) None of the above rules are to be altered or changed at any time.
- 25) All games begin at 6:30pm unless otherwise scheduled.