

## T-Ball Rules

1. Each game will have a **one (1) hour time limit or three complete innings**. An inning started before the time limit will be completed regardless of the time limit.
  - A. No score will be kept for any game.
  - B. Importance given to participation rather than competition.
  - C. Each player will bat and play in the field each inning.
  - D. Coaches are requested to rearrange or reverse their batting order each inning to give the weaker hitters a chance to score.
  - E. Coaches will pitch/toss 3 times to each player. If the player has not hit the ball after 3 pitches, he/she must hit off a tee.
  - F. We will not use a catcher.
  - G. Coaches will decide whether to count outs or allow players to continue to run bases. If an agreement cannot be made, players will run bases.
2. Scheduled practice time is the same each week until season begins.
3. Home and visitor will be determined by a coin flip.
4. All players will play every inning. If a player arrives late, he/she must be inserted upon arrival.
5. The head coaches of each team will act as umpires during the game.
6. Teams are allowed two coaches in the field on defense. Teams are allowed a 1<sup>st</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach on offense.
7. Each team will provide one game ball.
8. The infield will consist of no more than 6 players.
9. Only the batter and on deck batter can be outside the dugout.
10. Before the ball is hit, no fielder can be closer than the mound.
11. A batter who slings his bat outside of a 6 foot radius from home plate will be warned and then called out each time thereafter.
12. Runners can't lead off and there is no stealing. The ball must be hit before a player can advance.
13. If a defensive player interferes with or blocks the path of a base runner, the runner will be awarded the next base. If a base runner interferes with a defensive player while the defensive player is trying to field the ball, the runner will be called out regardless of whether the defensive player is in the base path. This is for the safety of the players.
14. Any game situation arising that is not covered above, will be decided between the coaches or field attendant.
15. Tobacco is prohibited in all city parks.
16. Dogs are not allowed at the Don Owen Complex.
17. Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change rules as needed.

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