

# T - BALL RULE BOOK

## GAME RULES

- Months of April & May - a team may only practice one day during the week unless a make up game is place of the practice during that week.
- Games will be played on Saturdays only. Once school is out for the summer teams will have one scheduled game during the week.
- Home team will prepare the field for play. This includes chalking the foul lines including a line which extends 5' down each foul line and 5' in front of home plate. ([see Batting](#))
- No score will be kept.
- Games will last no longer than 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Scheduling two games in one day should be avoided.
- A helmet with faceguard will be kept in the storage box and must be worn by the pitcher.
- There shall be no forfeits in Tee Ball.

## FIELDING

- All players may play in the field and should be rotated after every inning and between the infield and outfield.
- The infield shall have one player per position with the balance of the players in the outfield.
- No player at the catcher position.
- All players on the roster may be given a defensive position.
- All hits to the outfield will be thrown to second base.
- No restriction on the number of coaches on the playing field.
- In the month of May, runners will not be forced or tagged out. In the month of June if a runner is tagged or forced out, they must leave the field of play.
- Runners must leave the field of play if tagged or forced out in the month of June.

## BATTING

- Coach pitching however, only 5 pitches per batter.
- **The Pitching Coach should catch/stop any ball hit to him/her to protect the fielding team's pitcher.**
- The sixth ball is to be placed on the tee. No limits on balls missed on the tee.
- If a hit ball rolls less then 5ft, the ball shall be considered foul and the batter will have a chance to swing again. The ball is also foul if the batter hits the tee with the bat.
- A continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game shall be used.
- Every player bats in the inning. You could conceivably get every batter out in an inning.
- In the month of May, runners can stay on base even if forced or tagged out. In the month of June if a

runner is tagged or forced out, they must leave the field of play.

- Strikeouts will not be permitted.
- Bunts are not permitted.

## RUNNERS

- The runner or runners will be permitted to advance only on a hit ball and only one base at a time.
- Last batter up in an inning (during April & May) rounds all bases (or during June and the team has batted thru the order).
- Runners must leave the field of play if tagged or forced out in the month of June.
- Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- Runners hit by a batted ball are not called out and may advance to the next base.

## SAFETY CODE FOR T-BALL

- Responsibility for safety procedures should be that of an adult member of the local league.
- Arrangements should be made in advance of all games and practices for emergency medical services.
- First-Aid Kit should be available at the field.
- No games or practice should be held when weather or field conditions are not good, particularly when lighting is inadequate.
- Play area should be inspected frequently for holes, damage, glass and other foreign objects.
- Bat racks should be positioned behind screens or in the Dugout.
- Only players, managers, coaches and umpires are permitted on the playing field during play and practice sessions.
- Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of a Coach assigned for this purpose.
- Procedure should be established for retrieving foul balls batted out of the playing area.
- During practice sessions and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.
- During warm up drills, players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by errant balls.
- Equipment should be inspected regularly. Make sure it fits properly.
- Batters must wear protective NOCSAE helmets during practice, as well as during games.
- At no time should “horse play” be permitted on the playing field.
- Parents of players who wear glasses should be encouraged to provide “Safety Glasses.”
- Players must not wear watches, rings, jewelry or other metallic items. **Note - Medical alert items are allowed.**
- Batting/catcher’s helmets should not be painted unless approved by the manufacturer.
- Players who are ill or injured should remain under supervision until released to the parent or guardian.