

# T-Ball Rules

## General

1. The Home Team, listed first on the schedule will lead in prayer before the game. When the game concludes we will line up to congratulate the opposing team for a game well played.
2. The Sporting News Official Rules of Baseball shall apply at all times, except as amended below.
3. The game will be five (5) innings. No inning starts after 60 minutes. Weekday games may be shorter.
4. Base lines shall be 45 feet in length.
5. There will be no score kept in this division.
6. Coaches will act as umpires.
7. If the ball hits the coach in the field, the ball is dead & players may advance one base. The infield fly rule is not in effect.
8. The "Visiting" team will bat first.
9. The game should be played as close to baseball as possible, please refrain from making up rules during game play. If there is a problem please contact commissioner and we will consider the change for next year. Changing rules, although it seems best at the time may lead to confusion for coaches, players, and fans.

## Offense

1. A Batter has three attempts to hit the ball off the tee. If player does not hit the ball fair within three attempts, the batter is out.
2. For the first six games, players will hit off a tee. For the remaining games, the offensive coach has the option to pitch three balls to his/her player overhand. If the player does not hit the ball, it will be placed on a tee for him/her to hit. *The pitcher may carry a glove for his/her protection only. The pitcher should complement the defensive team and never attempt to distract them. The ball is hit, the coach pitcher shall remove him/herself from the playing field opposite of the play.*
3. Bunting is NOT allowed.
4. The home plate coach should remove the tee if a runner attempts to score.
5. There is a semi-circle in front of home plate. The batter must hit the ball past the circle to be a fair ball.
6. Base runners must stay in contact with base till the ball is hit.
7. Overthrows: A runner may not advance on an overthrow; exception last batter.
8. Bat Throwing will not be tolerated. Any batter that throws the bat will receive a warning. If the same batter throws the bat again in, he or she will be automatically out.
9. The offensive team will bat the entire line up.
10. The offensive coaches are allowed at 1st, 3rd, home plate, and a pitching coach.
11. Runners may advance at their own risk on balls hit to the outfield, if a player is thrown out they should leave the base.
12. All batters and base runners are required to wear a batting helmet.
13. Play is suspended once the ball is returned and controlled in the infield.

## Defense

1. All players will play on defense.
2. Defensive line-up should consist of a standard infield with players in traditional infield positions. All of the remaining players should be positioned in the outfield.
3. All players should have the opportunity to play in the infield. Coaches need to ensure that the pitcher can adequately defend themselves.
4. The defensive team coaches may have three (3) coaches on the field for positioning. Should NOT interfere with play.
5. The pitcher, or any other player, may not charge the ball until it is hit.
6. The defense **must make** a first attempt to get the batter out by throwing the ball to the targeted base. They are not allowed to run to the base, unless they are in close proximity to target base. For example: if the short stop fields a ball, they may run to 2<sup>nd</sup> base for a force out. However the short stop that fields the ball may not run across the infield to first base.

## Equipment

- Game balls will be provided by Victory Sports
- A standard batting tee with a home plate base will be used.
- A T-ball bat must be used.
- All batters and base runners must wear helmets.