

# Sioux Empire Baseball Association

## Tee Ball I Rules

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**The T-ball I Division sponsored by Children's Dental Center is intended for players who will be entering Kindergarten this coming fall or typically the age of 5 Years old. Teams are formed first by the child's attending school and then by other criteria so that each team has a maximum roster of 13 whenever possible. A defensive player rotation is used. Players will hit from the tee. A six-batter rotation is used. Games are four innings or one hour in length. If after four innings are complete and time remains, an additional fifth inning may be played upon approval by both coaches. No scores or standings are kept. All players receive a trophy at the end of the season.**

### **1. Team Composition**

- a. Tee Ball I is intended for children 5 years old.
- b. Approximately 12 players per team.
- c. Teams will be formed by school first then by zip code when applicable.
- d. Coaches will have their sons/daughters play on their team unless requested otherwise

### **2. General - Regular baseball rules will be followed, with the exceptions noted.**

- a. Games are four (4) innings with no new inning after one hour.
- b. NO scores or standings will be kept.
- c. Safety baseballs will be used.
- d. Bases will be 50 feet apart.

### **3. Fielding**

- a. All players will play defense each inning.
- b. Each player **MUST** play an infield position at least two (2) innings per game.
- c. No more than six infielders at any one time. The remaining players will play in the outfield.
- d. Outfielders must be in the grass.
- e. Coaches are encouraged to be on the field during the inning.

### **4. Batting**

- a. Players will hit off a tee exclusively.
- b. Players will bat in the same order for the entire game.
- c. Each player will bat a minimum of two (2) times per game.
- d. A six (6)-batter rotation will be used for offense.
- e. If all batters have not batted twice in the game, those players will be allowed to bat in the last inning which may cause the team to bat more than six (6) batters in the last at bat.
- f. Players called out on a base will be left on the base to run.
- g. NO bunting, NO stealing, and NO infield fly rule.

### **5. Base Running**

- a. Play will stop when the ball is thrown towards the pitchers mound.
- b. Control is not necessary for play to stop.
- c. Only one base on an overthrow.
- d. A player may not intentionally create contact with another player at any time.
- e. If the defensive player has the ball and a play is being made, the offensive player must either slide or make every effort to avoid contact with the defensive player.
- f. Should a player run over or crash into another player, the player will be out.
- g. If a defensive player is in the base path without the ball and makes contact with, or impedes the path of the offensive player, interference may be called on the defensive player.