

**HATTIESBURG DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL
TEE-BALL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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This program is designed to be an enjoyable introduction to baseball in general. The rules of tee-ball are similar to those of baseball, with the exception noted below. The critical difference is there is no pitcher, and the batter hits off a waist high tee.

- (1) **Rosters:** will be limited to a maximum of 12 players, with proper registration forms completed and fees paid before participating.
- (2) **Participation Rule:** the entire team will bat each inning, and play in the field on defense.
- (3) **Team Selection:** will be the responsibility of the Hattiesburg Dixie Youth Baseball Program. Participants may request to play with another child, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- (4) **Coaches:** Each team must have a head coach with a minimum of three (3) assistants. The Administration of Hattiesburg Dixie Youth will schedule practice time on the fields for your team. There can be a maximum of two (2) practices per week for one (1) hour or less until the games begin. From that point on, one (1) practice per week for one (1) hour will be permitted. A coach must be in the dugout at all times to supervise the participants.
- (5) **Equipment:** The RIF 1 baseball will be used. Players must wear assigned safety helmets when batting and waiting to bat. A tee-ball safety bat will be used in practice and in games.
- (6) **Score: There will be no score kept in tee-ball.**
- (7) **Batting Order:** Each coach will keep his/her batting order to assure every participant bats each inning.
- (8) **Defense:** Every child will play in the field on defense, with a maximum of seven (8) in the infield. (Catcher, one on each side of the pitcher's mound, four infielders and a short second baseman). One coach may stand on pitcher's mound with a glove to catch the ball when thrown to the mound to stop play, and two (2) other coaches may be on the field to give instructions. They cannot touch players when the ball is in play.
- (9) **Offense:** Every child will bat each inning, one (1) coach will be at the batters box to assist, while one (1) coach will be at each base to instruct base runners. Coaches cannot touch players while the ball is in play. Participants will bat until the ball is in play.
- (10) **Length of Game:** Three (3) innings or one (1) hour time limit, whichever comes first. **No new inning will start after fifty (50) minutes.**
- (11) **Stopping Play:** Play will stop when the ball is thrown to the defensive coach on the pitching mound. Coaches are encouraged to teach their players to make the normal plays of baseball.
- (12) **Base Running:** Station to station base running only. No advancements on overthrows. No stealing of bases allowed.
- (13) **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD OR IN THE DUGOUT.**
- (14) **There will be a league official who will conduct the game and keep the time.**
- (15) **Tee Ball Bats** – Tee Ball bats will be stamped with the USA Baseball Mark and the language "Only for use with approved tee balls". Bats stamped for Tee Ball (T-Ball) play can only be used with low compression balls due to the manufacturing standards for these bats. Any bat stamped for Tee Ball (T-ball) play cannot be used in games played using a regular baseball that is pitched to the batter in any division of DYB.