



T-BALL LEAGUE RULES

The objective of the T-Ball program is for the participants to learn the fundamentals of baseball and softball. Winning is not the purpose of the program. Please keep this in mind and let the players enjoy their program.

RULES GOVERNING PLAY

1. Coaches will have the option to toss two pitches to each batter. If the ball is not put into play after two pitches, the ball will be placed on the tee. Batters can start their at-bat with the ball on the tee.
2. There will be no striking out.
3. The ball is in play when the batter hits it off the tee and the ball goes the designated 10 feet and stays in fair territory. If a defensive player stops the ball before it travels 10 feet, it will be a dead ball and the batter will bat again. If a defensive player catches a fly ball in this area, it will be an out.
4. No bunting is allowed, but a full, soft swing is allowed.
5. Baserunners cannot leave their base until the batter has hit the ball. Runners must touch all bases.
6. On an overthrown ball that stays in the playing area, the runners advance at their own risk. On an overthrown ball that goes out of the playing area, the runner is awarded that base plus one more.
7. Play shall not be stopped by the defensive team heading off or stopping the front runner. Trailing runners may advance at their own risk.
8. Players will be placed in all infield positions with the exception of catcher. All remaining players will be placed in the outfield. Fielders must stay in their positions until the ball has been hit.
9. There will be **two** defensive coaches allowed in the outfield.
10. Games will last for one hour or consist of 4 innings, whichever comes first. An inning will consist of each team's batters batting through their line-up. On the last batter, the defensive team must stop the lead runner and time will be called.
11. There is no scoreboard.
12. The coach will keep a line-up of his players' names and numbers. Players that arrive late will be added to the bottom of the line-up.

Conduct:

- Coaches are asked to try to control their players at all times.
- Coaches are asked to set good examples for their players and show good sportsmanship at all times.

Parents:

Please remember the ages of the kids playing. Do not yell anything discouraging about your team or the opposing team. The main purpose for conducting a T-Ball league is to teach the very basic skills of baseball and instruct the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, and above all, good sportsmanship.

Remember that the first three letters of fundamentals is F-U-N.