

XII. T-ball

A. Playing Field

- 1) Pitching distance: Approximately 15 feet
- 2) Arc extending from first base line to third base line in front of home plate

B. Equipment

- 1) A soft T-ball-approved safety ball will be used.
- 2) All players batting or running the bases must wear batting helmets.
- 3) Catchers are required to wear a helmet with face shield and chest protector.

C. Length of Games

- 1) Games will consist of two full innings.
- 2) Game length will be limited to one hour.

D. Playing Rules

- 1) The entire roster will bat each inning. The coach is to announce "last batter" before the last player bats.
- 2) There will be no strikeouts or walks.
- 3) Each batter will receive up to three pitches to put the ball into play, a tee will then be put on home plate for the batter to hit off.
- 4) The ball should travel beyond the five-foot arc created between the baselines into fair territory or it will be considered foul.
- 5) Players thrown out on a force play or tagged out will remain on base.
- 6) Players reaching a base must stay on the base until the ball is hit.
- 7) Runners will not be permitted to steal.
- 8) Runners may not advance more than one base with exception of the last batter and those on base at that time.
- 9) The last batter and runners on base at that time will complete the inning by running home to score.
- 10) All defensive players will play in the field each inning.
- 11) Score will not be kept.
- 12) Upon completion of the game all players and coaches will line up on their designated base line and shake hands with the opposing team in the vicinity of home plate to display good sportsmanship.

E. Managers and Coaches

- 1) An adult must pitch to the batters.
- 2) Adult coaches may be used in either or both the first and third base coaching boxes.
- 3) Three adult coaches may be stationed on the playing field to provide verbal instructions to the defensive team.