

## TEE BALL LEAGUE RULES

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1.) **Time Limit/ Innings:** Games will consist of 2 innings or 1 hour 15-minute time limit. No new inning will begin with 10 minutes or less remaining in the time limit. The inning in progress will be finished if the home team has not batted. **NO SCORE IS KEPT.**

2.) **Equipment:** Every player must wear a batting helmet when batting or running bases.

3.) **Batting/ Bunting:** Each batter will be allowed 3 swings to hit the ball into fair territory. There will be no practice swing. Players are allowed to line the ball up on the tee one time. No bunting allowed. Batter must make complete swing at the ball. The ball is in play when batter hits the ball in fair territory.

-  If the batter should miss the ball on the tee on the third swing, the batter is out and is charged with a strikeout.
-  If the batter obviously hits the tee and not the ball on the third swing, the batter is out and is charged with a strikeout.

4.) **Foul Balls:** All foul balls are considered outs on the third swing. Home plate is considered foul territory. Any ball sitting on or resting against home plate is a foul and therefore an out *if* it is the third swing.

5.) **Base Running:** Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit. The umpire will call out the runner when the runner leaves too soon.

-  If a player misses a base, it will be called in the following manner: After all play has ceased and time out has been called, the umpire will call the player out for missing the base. This action is not an appeal play. If the umpire sees a player missing a base he will call it.
-  A base runner will be called out in a fielder intentionally bounces a ball or rolls it to a base for the out.
-  A runner who slides headfirst going into a base will be called out.
-  A runner who does not slide, give up, or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball to make the tag will be called out.

6.) **Out Rules:** Any force out, tag out, fly out, or strikeout on the last batter or any preceding runners will end the inning. **The first attempt at an out at home plate must be made by the catcher on a thrown ball or the runner shall be ruled safe.** Touching home plate by the catcher while in possession of the ball is considered a force out.

7.) **Mandatory Playing Time:** Each player bats every inning and inning is not completed until every player has been at bat (unless time has expired).

8.) A minimum of **8** players will be required to start and/or finish a game.

9.) **Players Positions:**

 **Pitcher** takes position on mound, which is the 1st rubber from home plate and must remain there until ball is hit.

 **Catcher** takes position behind home plate and must remain there until ball is hit.

 **All the Infield positions** are filled and the remaining players are in the outfield when their team is on defense.

 **The Outfielders** must stay in grass area behind dirt infield unless fielding the ball. Outfields may not tag a base or a runner. Infielders may play as far back as they wish, but may not play up closer to the batter than a step behind the baseline unless fielding the ball. The pitcher must keep 2 feet on the pitching rubber until ball is hit.

10.) **Overthrown Balls:** On any overthrow, a base runner may advance one or more bases; however, this base is not awarded to the base runner. He/she runs at the risk of being put out.

11.) **Timeouts:**

 All timeouts will be called by the umpire in the following manner: When the ball is under control in the infield and no play is being attempted on any runner, the umpire will call time. All trailing runners will advance to the nearest base when time is called. (umpire's judgement call). The infield will be considered from the base path toward home plate.

12.) **Coaches:** Two team coaches will be allowed on the field to help direct their team on defense. They must stay in the grass area in the outfield behind the outfielders. Coaches must be 18 years or older. Coach must stay in coach's box and may not assist runner in any way (Runner will be called out). Coaches are not allowed to stand behind the backstop and yell to fielders or batters.

13.) **Slung Bats:** If in the judgement of the umpire the player slings his/her bat, one warning per game will be given to that player. From the second offense on, he/she will be called out. The ball will become dead immediately and all runners will return to the base they occupied.

14.) No bat boys/girls allowed.