

SPRING AND FALL T-Ball League General Information and Rules

This is a traditional, fun, non-competitive T-ball league for boys & girls ages 4 to 5. We want players and parents to focus on the **FUN** aspect of youth sports so that players will learn to love the games of baseball and softball.

T-Ball Rules

- 1. Players must be 4 by age control date, unless approved by Sports Program Manager.
- 2. The games will last sixty-five (65) minutes. Once the game timer goes off, the batter will finish his/her turn at bat and the game will end. No extra innings.
- 3. The home team will sit on the first base side. The visiting team will sit on the third base side.
- 4. Every child attending the game will play in the field (defensively). Coaches should rotate players & positions each half inning. Defensive players will be assigned the following positions: 1st, 2nd, short stop, 3rd, Pitcher, Catcher, and the remaining roster in the outfield.
- 5. Players should be allowed an opportunity to play every position throughout the season.
- 6. A half inning consists of a team batting through their roster.
- 7. Each team will bat their complete line up and then switch sides.
- 8. A batter is allowed a maximum of five (5) swings to put the ball in fair play. After five (5) swings, the batter is out and will return to the dugout.
- 9. If a baserunner gets out at a base, they are out and will not continue to run the bases.
- 10. Players who make it to first base are allowed to continue through the bases if directed by the coach. Once the ball is within the base paths and is under control by a player, time should be called by the coaches.
- 11. When the ball is put in to play, the defensive players must attempt to make a play. Outs can be made. However, they are not recorded. Players must return to the dugout when out is made, if anything in question will result in the player being safe.
 - o Ex: Batter hits the ball down first base line. The first base player retrieves the ball and steps on the base at the same time the runner touches first base. They player will be deemed safe.
- 12. There must be at least three (3) offensive coaches on the field (1st base, 3rd base, and home). The home plate coach will adjust and place the tee during play.
- 13. Four (4) defensive coaches may position themselves in the outfield one on each foul line and in center field, behind the players.
- 14. Base distance between bases is 60 feet.
- 15. The tee must be removed when a runner is coming into home plate.
 - 16. The designated home coach from the 5:30 game will pick up the tee and balls from the concession stand. The designated home coach from the 6:45 game will turn in the tee and balls (if any are left) to the concession stand at the conclusion of the game.