Red Mountain Little League
T-Ball Baseball Rules Summary 2025

Overview:

Tee Ball is available for boys and girls ages 4-6. It is an instructional baseball program focused on introducing players to the basics of hitting and fielding. This division's primary objective is to ensure the players have fun, learn the basics of baseball, and constantly stay engaged throughout a game and practices. Tee ball is not competitive. We don't keep score. Everyone gets to bat, and everyone gets to play in the field. Games only last 60 minutes.

Local Rules:

1. Pregame Meeting – The managers of each team shall meet just prior to the game to review the rules, game length, etc. as described below. Resolve any discrepancy in understanding prior to the start of the game.
2. Number of Players- Each Team will be assigned a minimum of 8 players.
3. Batting Order- All players will bat each inning, regardless of if they are playing in the field. Batting order should be changed each game. The final batter of the inning will automatically get a "home run" on a ball hit into play.
4. Defensive Play- All players will be given a defensive position. There is no catcher position. Players will be placed in normal infield positions with all extra players in the outfield. Players shall be rotated to various infield and outfield positions in a manner equivalent for all players.
5. Pitching- The ball shall not be pitched to hitters. The hitters will hit the ball off of a batting tee that is placed at home plate. It shall be the batting team's coach's responsibility to remove the tee from the plate should a play involve a player trying to score. The player who occupies the defensive position of pitcher must stay within a 5-foot radius of the pitching rubber of the defined pitching area until the ball is hit. Only soft core, safety baseballs may be used- absolutely NO hardballs.
6. Base Running- Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. When the ball is in play, the base runners may advance until an attempt has been made to return the ball to the player pitcher. Once the attempt has been made, the play is over. Base runners that are on their way to the next base may advance to that base. Runners are allowed one base on overthrows.
7. Outs- When an out is recorded by the defensive team, that player shall not remain on the base paths. However, in the event 3 outs are recorded, the inning shall continue until all players have batted in the inning (see item 7 below).
8. Side Retired- The side is retired when one complete rotation has been made through the batting order.
9. Foul Ball- The same as conventional baseball except 1) a batted ball is foul if it does not travel at least 6 feet. 2) a ball is foul if the batter hits the batting tee with their bat.

10. Strike Out- The batter strikes out if he/she misses the ball and batting tee completely after 7 attempts.
11. Thrown Bat- Please teach the players not to throw their bats! This is a safety issue, and the board wishes to make it a point of emphasis.
12. Hitting- There will be NO on deck batter. Only the current batter is allowed to hold a bat, and NO "donuts" or "batting sleeves" are allowed to be used on bats in warm up swings. Batters may not bunt or attempt a shortened swing.
13. Coaching- During play, managers and coaches are encouraged to give advice and instruction to players from foul territory. If needed, managers and coaches may assist players in the field during play but must not interfere with play. Managers are to have all the appropriate paperwork with them at practice and games. This includes player registration forms, etc.
14. Regulation Game- A regulation game shall be 5 innings or 60 minutes long, whichever comes first. An inning may not start after 60 minutes of play, but once started an inning may continue if daylight permits. An additional inning may be played if agreed upon by both teams, and time permits.
15. Attire- These rules apply to all games and practices. Helmets will be worn by all offensive players in the field (e.g. the batter, all base runners and player base coaches). Closed shoes are required. Players may not wear watches, rings, pins, earrings, jewelry, or other metallic items. Any player inappropriately dressed will not be allowed to participate. Each player will wear the league supplied uniform of hat, shirt, and pants to games.
16. Base Paths- Base paths will be 40 feet in length.
17. Home Team- The home team will sit on the third base side, set up the field, provide the bases, provide the game ball, and inspect the field for any material which could cause injury or hinder play.
18. Trash- Each coach and manager are responsible to make sure all trash is removed from fields after games.
19. For any rule not covered above, refer to the Little League Baseball Rulebook.