

## 5/6 T-ball Rules

### **RULES**

- The playing rules CFBBA uses shall be the USSSA rules as published on the USSSA.com website, except as modified herein.
- If you have any questions regarding rules, please reach out to your age group VP for clarification.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

- Games will last no longer than one hour. No inning shall start after one hour. A game is over at one hour regardless of whether or not the inning has been completed.
- No umpire

### **PREGAME REQUIREMENTS AND SCORING**

- Home team:
  - Assigned the 1st base dugout.
- Visiting team:
  - Assigned the 3rd base dugout.

### **POSTGAME REQUIREMENTS**

- Home team of the last game puts up the bases (FB Fields Only)

### **POSTPONED / RESCHEDULED GAMES**

- Games will only be rescheduled if postponed or canceled due to weather.
- Make-up games are rescheduled based on field availability and blackouts.

### **GAME PLAY**

- 5 minute rule: no NEW inning may be started with 5 minutes or less remaining in regulation time.
- No score will be kept.
- Artificial noisemakers are forbidden and include items like air horns, whistles, cowbells, musical instruments, and any other amplified device. Music & speakers are welcome – please be courteous to the other team.

### **MINIMUM PLAYING TIME**

- Each team shall bat the entire roster each inning.
- Each team shall bat a minimum of two times.

### **ROSTER ADDITIONS**

- A player may not be added to a roster in-season without prior board approval.
- Any player added to the roster of a team after the first game of the season is ineligible to pitch or catch without board approval. All roster additions must be approved by the age group vice president.
- Paperwork on all roster additions must be provided before the player plays in a game, with the exception of pool players.
- Players can only play on one team in CFBBA.
- A player may play on a CFBBA team and another team that does not play in CFBBA

(such as a select or traveling team). CFBBA is not responsible for scheduling conflicts that arise due to playing on multiple teams.

### **JEWELRY**

- Players are not allowed to wear jewelry, except for medical information/identification.

### **OFFENSE**

- The ball shall be placed on the tee by the coach. The tee shall be placed on or slightly in front of home plate
- The batter is allowed to swing at the ball until the ball is put into play in fair territory.
- Batters are not permitted to bunt or swing easily at the ball. Any ball that does not travel past the home plate dirt and into the infield grass is considered a foul ball.
- Base runners are not permitted to steal or lead off base and shall remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- When the batted ball has been returned to the infield area if a runner is already attempting to take the next base they may continue towards that base at their own peril.
- In the case of an overthrown ball, runners shall remain at the last base they occupied before the overthrow. In other words, no advancement on an overthrow is allowed.
- If tagged or forced out when running the bases, the runner shall return to the dugout.

### **DEFENSE**

- There is no catcher position. Home plate is a free base. Baserunners are not subject to being forced out at home.
- All players on the roster will play in the field defensively. However, only five players are allowed to be positioned in the infield (pitcher, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B). The remaining players shall be positioned in the outfield area as it designated for the field being played on (i.e. in the outfield grass).
- If the pitcher fields the ball and elects to try to make the out at first base he must throw the ball to the first baseman. He is not allowed to run down the runner going to first or allowed to tag the first base bag. He may tag other bases or runners while they are attempting to advance past first base.
- To encourage rotation of players, no player shall remain at the same defensive position for more than two consecutive innings.

### **MANAGERS AND COACHES**

- For the offensive team, adult coaches should be positioned in both the first and third base coaching boxes and at home plate to assist the batter.
- For the defensive team, three adult coaches are allowed on the field to help position players.

### **PLAYING FIELD**

- The distance between bases shall be 60 feet.
- The pitcher should be positioned approximately 38 feet from home plate.

### **REGULATION GAMES**

- Games duration: 60 mins
- Mercy rule: n/a

### **EQUIPMENT**

- A soft T-ball shall be used.
- All bats used shall be marked specifically for use in T-ball.
- Batters and base runners shall wear batting helmets at all times.
- Baseball pants are optional (shorts are acceptable)
- Hats are optional
- Rubber cleats are allowed (not mandatory); metal cleats are NOT acceptable.