



Rules for Boys 5/6 Tee Ball

Tee-Ball represents the beginning of a journey for your players that will hopefully last many years. The memories and lessons learned from being a part of the Canfield Baseball Club program will be carried by these children for a lifetime. A child starts to learn how to play fair, understand the game and how to have fun in a team setting. And watching these children over the next 8-10 years at CBC will be one of the most rewarding experiences a parent can have.

The 5/6 tee-ball division at CBC is strictly TEE-BALL. Coach pitch begins in the 7/8 division. We are trying to teach proper mechanics in tee-ball, and the use of a tee is one of the most important tools for any baseball or softball player in developing a consistent batting approach and swing. What a tee provides more than any other drill is consistency. While the ball sits in an idle position, the player has the ability to take their time in setting themselves up and control their timing and approach. Variables are eliminated. Mechanics can be exaggerated allowing for muscle memory to take over. A consistent stance and approach leads to the player obtaining a comfort level which in turn will translate to success.

Offensive Rules

An inning shall end when the offensive team has 3 outs. If 3 outs are not made, the inning will end once all players bat. All players in attendance must be in the batting lineup.

All players attending the game will play the entire game.

No strike outs.

Batted ball must pass the 5-foot line in front of home plate to be a live ball.

Helmet with face mask is required for all batters.

No one will bat more than once per inning.

All players are required to wear a helmet while batting and on the bases.

The Tee will be utilized for the entire season.

Defense

All players will take the field defensively, no player shall sit out. No player shall play the same position for more than two innings per game. The managers should establish a rotation that gives each player the opportunity to play and learn all positions.

Five players are allowed in the infield, all other players must start each play in the outfield (grass area).

Helmets with facemasks must be worn by all pitchers. Helmets with facemasks must be worn at first base. (Chest protectors are highly recommended but not mandatory)

Coaches are allowed on the field during play to encourage & instruct.

Outs will be made on defense. Once 3 outs are made, the inning will end, or every offensive hitter bats.

Miscellaneous

All games have a 1-hour time limit, with a hard stop. We encourage teams to play the full hour as it helps the players transition to the longer games at the next level, coach pitch and beyond.

The first game shall start at 5:30 PM with no new inning starting after 6:30 PM. The second game shall start at 6:45 PM. All rained out games will be rescheduled at the discretion of both coaches. Rain outs may be played on Field 5 or Field 6.

Only officially registered players of the team, the head coach and assistant coaches will be allowed in the dugout and on field during the game. No spectator shall be allowed in the dugout or on the playing field during the playing of the game.

All coaches must complete the background check even if they only plan to help in practices.

If any player, head coach or assistant coach conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner he/she will be issued one warning. Second offense will result in removal from the game and playing field.

In the case of inclement weather, 45 minutes will count as a full game. Games that have not met this will be rescheduled at the managers discretion.

Spectator Conduct

Positive team support is encouraged. Offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated. Each manager/coach is responsible for the conduct of all persons on his/her team or supporting his/her team. Fans are encouraged to cheer, encourage, and support both teams. They are expected to be courteous and set a good example for the players. If any spectator conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner he/she will be issued one warning. Second offense will result in removal from the game.

BOTH TEAMS NEED TO MAKE SURE THE FIELD, DUGOUT AND SPECTATOR AREA IS CLEANED UP AFTER EACH GAME

PARENTS AND COACHES

Since there are no umpires involved in these games, we depend on the judgment of the adults involved to adhere to the above rules and to maintain a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Let's not forget the ages of these children and how impressionable they are!

Perspective of the Players

Before we start working with Tee-Ballers we need to understand *their* perspective of the game. If, as a Tee-Ball coach, we go into the season thinking we are going to experience hi-level, competitive baseball we are setting ourselves up for a lot of frustration and disappointment. If we approach the season for what it is, spending time with our child and their friends, watching them run around, laugh **while they work to develop skills to catch, throw and hit a baseball**, then we can have a great time as coaches.

As adults we are going to the park thinking "baseball", while the kids are going to the park thinking "I get to see my friends, run around and eat ice cream". We want to see the activity from a kid's perspective while recognizing that the activities at the park are not always going to look like baseball. However, we can help our kids begin to learn the basics of baseball and develop some baseball skills; and that is what tee ball should be all about.

Three Primary Goals for the Season

1. The kids learn that their legs power their bodies; that moving their feet is the key to playing in the field and that controlling head movement is a big factor in successfully hitting and throwing a ball.
2. They come to recognize that baseball is a game of movement. This includes hustling on & off the field. On defense when they are not playing the ball they have to cover a base. They always move somewhere the moment the ball is put into play.
3. ***They remain active and having fun at all times they are on the field.*** We want them to leave the field each day having had a blast. And at the end of the season express a desire to play again next season.

In the end, our primary purpose as Tee-Ball coaches is to help the kids develop a love of the game by creating a fun environment that leads to them wanting to continue playing the game. We want the kids to stick around until age 8-9. Kids who make it to this age are likely to continue with the game to age of 12 and possibly beyond.