

## Tee Ball Rules

- 1) No official score will be kept during Tee Ball games. Emphasis is placed on player development, sportsmanship, and enjoyment of the game.
- 2) Every player on the team will bat and play the field. There is to be no more than 6 infielders (C, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, SS, 3<sup>rd</sup>, P) and the rest of the team shall play outfield.
- 3) Each batter will get 3 pitches from the coach, including foul balls or foul tips. At no time should a hitter exceed 3 pitches. After 3 unsuccessful pitches, the batter shall get 5 swings from a tee. On the 5<sup>th</sup> swing, if the batter hits a foul ball, they will get 1 and only 1 additional swing regardless of the outcome.
- 4) A batter and runner may only advance 2 bases on a hit and only 1 base on a routine play. No runner may advance on a wild throw. Example: if a ball is hit to the short stop, and the ball is fielded or kept on the infield, the batter or any runner on base may advance 1 base. If the short stop makes a throw to a base and the ball is thrown away, The batter and all runners are still restricted to 1 base. If the ball is hit and gets by all infielders, then the batter and any runners on base may advance 2 bases.
- 5) Only 6 defensive players may play on the infield at one time; this is including the catcher. (c, P, 1B, 2B, 3B and SS). All other players must play in the outfield.
- 6) Only the person playing a position of a base may run and tag a base for a forceout. Example: Only the first baseman may step-on first for a force out. Only the shortstop and second baseman step-on second base for a force out. Only the 3rd baseman may step on third base, and only the catcher can step on home plate for a force.
- 7) If an infielder stops a batted ball, they are required to make a throw to a base. No player shall field a ball and immediately call time.
- 8) No kid can play in the same position more than once during a single game.
- 9) No kid can play entirely in the infield or outfield every single game. Every kid on the team should have the opportunity to play both in the infield and outfield at some point during the season.
- 10) If a player is put out on a play, then that player is removed from the base.
- 11) Each team will bat the entire line up in an inning. After the last batter, the team batting will go to defense and the team playing defense will become the batting team.
- 12) The game time is 1 hour 15 minutes.

The purpose of these rules is to force kids to make plays. Offense at this age is far better than defense, and we want to focus on teaching kids to field and throw to bases. We are limiting the number of bases a runner can advance to keep coaches from teaching, fielding

the ball and calling time, to save the other team from scoring. We want to be more focused on developing rather than winning and losing. On an overthrown ball coaches can help retrieve the ball to keep the game moving along. We want kids to make as many throws to bases as possible during a game.