

TeeBall Game Rules

General:

- Players should arrive 5 minutes prior to start of game to ensure they are ready to start on time
- All teams must have someone in charge of the dugout (i.e. coach or parent with CRC).
- The following is NOT ALLOWED – bunting, lead offs, stealing, sliding, pinch hitting, protesting, or poor sportsmanship

Gameplay:

- The game can be stopped at any time for instructional purposes.
- A game is as many innings as possible that can be played in the allotted time slot (50min)
- The innings will change when all the children have batted, with the last batter running all the way around the bases.
- There is no record keeping of points, statistics or score sheets. Everyone wins!
- In tee-ball, official umpires will not be provided. Instead, parents and/or coaches/managers will take on this role. Umpires are needed at first base, third base and home plate
- There are no “outs” in TeeBall
 - Fielding players should still be taught and encouraged to make plays and get “outs” though
 - Coaches can call “out” for on base outs that fielding players have made by touching the bag, but no runner will leave the field
 - As all players must bat before the inning will change, more than three “outs” may be called
 - Player should NOT tag other players in an attempt to get an “out”

Batting:

- All players will bat each inning
 - The batter swings until they hit the ball.
 - A continuous batting order is used
 - No balls or strikes will be called
 - The batter must DROP the bat – do not throw it.
 - If the batter throws the bat, they get one warning. A second infraction means that the batter is out and they will leave the field, this is for safety reasons.
- Runners advance only 1 base at a time
 - With the last player up to bat, coaches will call “last batter”, and all players will run to home on the hit. The last batter running all the way around the bases.
- There is no “on deck” circle to warm up batters.
- A runner cannot touch or pass the runner ahead of him/her or he/she will be out.
- No extra bases are allowed on overthrown balls.
- Home plate umpire (coach or parent) will remove the tee and/or bat when the runners are coming into the home plate and replace it when the plate is clear.

Fielding:

- Coaches and parents will be in the outfield coaching the defensive team.
- If the umpire (parent) is unsure of the outcome of the play, then the decision goes in favour of the runner.
- All players play the field in every inning
 - Start with official baseball positions (1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, etc.)
 - If there are more than five players, utilize a player between first and second base (a very close right fielder), and then a second “pitcher”
 - Coaches are encouraged to rotate players positions both during the game and throughout the season so that all the children get an equal opportunity to play in key positions.
 - There is no back catcher in TeeBall

- The ball should be thrown overhand, not rolled, when fielding the ball.