



## Kindergarten T-Ball Bylaws 2023

### I. GAME FORMAT

1. Games consist 45 minutes (drop dead time).
2. Running clock
3. Score will NOT be kept
4. First team listed is home team. Home team starts in the field on defense.
5. Coaches are responsible for starting and stopping the games on time.
6. There will be no umpires calling balls fair or foul, and calling base runners safe or out. Coaches are expected to explain the calls and teach fundamentals during the game situation.
7. All players will bat once each inning.
8. There is no limit to the number of outs or runs scored each inning. Each player gets a turn at bat regardless of the amount of outs.

### II. EQUIPMENT/FIELD SIZE

1. Bases will be 40 feet apart.
2. Bats: 24"-26" bats will be provided
3. Ball: 9 in. T-ball (slightly softer than a baseball)
4. No metal cleats will be allowed on the field.
5. Batters and base runners will be required to wear batting helmets.
6. Hard casts or braces must be covered with a soft material.
7. No jewelry shall be worn except religious or medical jewelry which must be taped down.

### III. PLAYERS

1. Each team roster shall consist of 10 players maximum.
2. Batting order consists of all team players present, each batting in the same rotation throughout the game. All players will bat once each inning regardless of the number of "outs".
3. All players must remain in the dugout if they are not playing defense, batting, on deck, or base running.
4. All players will play defensively each inning.

### IV. RULES OF PLAY

1. Each batter will be given 3 swings from the tee. The player will be called out if they fail to fairly hit one of the 3 swings.
2. One offensive coach will catch for their team.
3. A player who is declared out will return to the bench. The out will be explained; however outs are not counted in T-ball. All batters bat each inning.
4. All base runners must tag up and may not leave the base until the ball has been fairly hit (NO STEALING BASES). **Penalty:** base runner may be declared out.

### V. RESCHEDULING

1. Conditions permitting, all games will be played when scheduled. If a game or practice is canceled, rescheduling is NOT guaranteed. However, the recreation department will strive to reschedule whenever possible.
2. It is the responsibility of the field supervisor and the umpire, to determine whether or not the condition of the field, the elements and other conditions should stop play of the game.

**VI. CONFERENCES/COACHES**

1. This league will not have conferences.
2. Coaches can interact with their team at any time during the game on or off the field, but should avoid impeding play.
3. Two defensive coaches are permitted on the playing field. Coaches under the age of 18, must wear a helmet if they are on the field.
4. Coaches are responsible for starting and stopping the games on time.
5. Coaches may not interfere with play. (E.g. Standing in front of the fielders)
6. Coaches are responsible for keeping their players and spectators under control.

**VII. SPORTSMANSHIP PHILOSOPHY**

1. The City Recreation Departments are dedicated to providing quality recreational sports programs in a spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship for all of our families, friends and neighbors. It is expected that all players, coaches, parents, and spectators will strongly adhere to all rules of play and etiquette involving the program.
2. Officials and score keepers are representatives of the league. Any questions or concerns regarding the performance of the league representatives should be brought to the attention of the Recreation Supervisor.
3. There will be zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct among players, coaches, parents and spectators. Offenders may be ejected and law enforcement may be called when deemed necessary.
4. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game must schedule an appointment with the Recreation Director, or program coordinator within 24 hours of the game in order to be reinstated in the program. An ejection will result in that individual not participating in the game following the ejection and may face expulsion from the league.
5. Coaches will be expected to properly educate players the values of teamwork, character, and sportsmanship. Coaches shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct for players, team parents, and spectators.