

# Salt Lake County Tee-Ball Rules

**Tee:** Any player may choose to have the ball pitched to them or use the tee. After three (3) pitches, the ball must be placed on the tee if the player being pitched to has not hit the ball in play. A “soft core” baseball will be used for this program. All players will run the bases one base at a time, with the final batter running all bases from first to home.

**Game:** There must be 5 players per team present to start a game. If a team has less than 5 players, the game will continue and that team will receive 2 turns at bat per inning. The first team listed on the schedule will be up to bat first.

**Batting:** A single batting order is made and all players will bat in turn. An inning will consist of all players hitting in order. The entire roster will bat. Players must wear a batting helmet while batting and base running. Helmets will need to be shared between teams. There is a limit of 5 swings per player. After the 5<sup>th</sup> swing the player will take first base.

**Outs:** There will be no outs during the inning. Players can not strike out or be tagged out.

**Dug out / On deck:** Dug outs will be designated if not available. Players who are not on deck or at bat will remain in the dug out. An on deck circle will be provided.

**Fielding:** All fielders are allowed in the infield. No catcher is required but may be used with proper equipment. All players will take the defensive field including the catcher. Parents are encouraged to be on the field with their child to help them.

**Game time:** No new innings will start after 45 minutes. Teams will complete any innings that have been started, conditions permitting. No official score will be kept. Game time is the time listed on the schedule whether teams start on time or not.

**Injuries:** A courtesy runner will be allowed to run for an injured player.

**Sportsmanship:** Players, coaches, spectators, or other team members will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about the opposing players, officials or spectators, or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Chants and cheers are encouraged for all plays. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and spectators. Remember that the emphasis is on **FUN** and learning.

