



Springville City Recreation T-Ball League Rules

T-ball playing rules are simple and are intended to be so. Games should be exhibitions of the player's ability and progress in mastering the basic fundamentals of the game of baseball and softball.

1. The ball shall be hit off a batting tee located on home plate.
2. The batter may not swing at the ball until the pitcher has made a pitching motion from the pitcher's mound. The pitcher shall take his position on the pitcher's mound when the signal for time is given and make a pitching motion as if delivering a pitched ball to the batter. The pitching motion is necessary to give timing to the game, and can be used to teach a potential future pitcher how to come off the mound in position to field a batted ball.
3. Batters are not permitted to bunt. The emphasis is to teach each ball player the skills of hitting the ball. There is an arc about 10 feet in front of home plate that the ball must go past to be a fair ball.
4. Base runners are not permitted to steal or to lead - off bases.
5. Base runners may not advance on overthrows at any time, even if it remains in fair territory or in the outfield.
6. ***There is no "infield fly" rule.***
7. When a ball is batted to the outfield, all base runners may continue to advance until the ball re-enters the infield area. At the instant the ball reaches the infield, each base runner may proceed to the base he is approaching, but a new base attempt is not permitted.
8. ***Scores for the game will not be recorded.*** Winning versus losing is not the basic philosophy of this league. Developing the basic skills and confidence in each player is the true philosophy.
9. Only managers, coaches and players are permitted in the dugout area.
10. ***Every player bats in each inning until the whole team has batted.***
11. If a runner is forced out or a hit ball is caught for an out the base runner/hitter may remain on base to learn how to run the bases.
12. It is requested that all coaches be more concerned with their ball players than with winning! Please coaches, remember the long term affect that you can have on each player on your team!
13. ***Game time limit is one hour, not innings.***
14. Coaches can be out on the playing field with their team defensively.