



2009 T-Ball Guidelines

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Below is a summary of game play rules and specific exceptions to defined BYB&S rules. For any rules not specifically mentioned here, BYB&S rules will apply.

General Information:

T-ball rosters shall consist of boys or girls of age 5 or 6 years old who are in Preschool or Kindergarten as of the start of the season. The season will begin April 18th and will run until mid-June; there will be no playoffs. Each team will play 18 games. An end of year party will be held on June 20th at Langendorf Park.

Teams will be formed prior to the season by grouping kids wherever possible based on the schools they attend.

T-Ball is meant to teach kids the fun of playing baseball, as well as basic skills of throwing, catching, base running, and hitting. No scores or standings will be kept.

Use of Players:

When batting, all players must be given an equal opportunity to bat first and last in the order. You should use a systematic method of rotating the batting order to make everything fair.

Players shall also receive equal treatment on defense. You should use a systematic method of rotating fielding positions as well. The only exception to this is if a player does not want to play a certain position for fear of injury (i.e. first base).

Equipment:

Each team will be provided with a tee

Kids will be provided a cap, jersey and socks

Kids will need their own gloves; batting helmets will be provided

Cleats are encouraged, but not required

Batting Rules:

The entire roster of players present for the game will bat each inning; there will be no strikeouts.



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All players should initially bat off of the tee. Regardless of whether they are thrown out or reach base safely, they will be allowed to remain on base and advance one base with subsequent batters.

The first part of the season will be played exclusively with hitting from the tee. At their discretion, coaches are encouraged to overhand or underhand toss the ball to players with the ability to hit coach pitching. If a player is unable to hit a pitch after four pitches, he/she must hit off of the tee. Coach pitching will not be allowed until the Saturday before Mother's Day (May 9th, 2009). If you do coach pitch you can only pitch a maximum of 4 pitches to each child. If they don't put it in play you must quickly place the batting tee down for the children to hit from.

No Lead-offs or stealing will be permitted.

The ball is dead when any infielder is in possession of the ball or the ball arrives in the infield after being hit to the outfield. As an exception, for the last batter of the inning, the ball is not dead until the last batter is tagged out or scores a home run.

Fielding Rules:

All players may play the field each inning. "Extra" fielders can be spread through the outfield.

Game Length:

Games are a maximum of 3 innings or 60 minutes. No new inning may start after 45 minutes of game play. Coaches may agree to play the final inning entirely off the tee in order to finish in the required time.