



2025 5-Year-Old Tee Ball Supplemental Rules / Reference

I. Field Dimensions

- A. Distance between bases shall be 50 feet.
- B. A circle with a radius of 10 feet shall be drawn around home plate with the center being the rear point of home plate.
 - 1. Any batted ball that remains inside this circle shall be considered a foul ball.
 - 2. Any batted ball that hits outside this circle and rolls back into the circle without first being touched by a defensive player shall be considered a foul ball.
- C. A circle with a radius of 6 feet shall be drawn around the pitching mound with the center being 38 feet from the rear point of home plate.
- D. If outfield fences are present, they shall be 115 – 125 feet from home plate.
- E. The tee shall be placed in front of home plate to teach proper contact with relation to home plate.

II. Game Play

- A. A regulation game consists of four innings or 60 minutes after the official start time of the game (whatever comes first)
- B. A coin flip will determine the home team.
- C. Each half-inning ends when the entire batting order has batted for the offense.
- D. No score will be kept. We emphasize having fun and fundamental skill development.
- E. Games will conclude with both teams lining up along the first and third baselines and meeting at home plate to shake hands to exemplify good sportsmanship.

III. Player Participation

A. Fielding

1. Each team will field 9 players (4 outfielders, no catcher).
2. Players will be rotated from the infield to outfield each inning so that players do not play consecutive innings in the outfield (barring legitimate player-safety concerns). Additionally, no player may play the same position twice in a single game. We want all players to experience all positions (barring legitimate player-safety concerns).
3. No player may sit out for two consecutive innings.
4. Players running the ball in from the outfield should be discouraged. Players must be taught to throw the ball back into the infield from the outfield.
5. Defensive gameplay should be taught and encouraged, but outs are not recorded.
6. Defensive positioning should be traditional (pitcher not in front of the mound, corner infielders at standard depth).
7. Players should be taught to play their positions and to only field balls in their defensive area.
8. Players should be taught that the base belongs to the runner.
9. Players should be taught to play defensively out of the basepaths to avoid collisions.
10. Playing with dirt is prohibited.

B. Batting

1. The batting order shall be made up of every player that comes to the game. Players will bat in this order regardless of defensive alignments in any given inning.
 - a) Players that arrive after the start of the game will be added to the end of the batting order.
2. If a player becomes ill or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over that player when his / her time at bat comes up. If the injured, ill, or absent player returns, he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues.
3. If the two teams have a different number of players, the team with the lesser number of players will continue to bat until they have batted the same number of players as the number batting for the opposing team.
4. The batting order will produce three singles followed by a home run to clear the bases. The batting order should advance progressively so that the HR experience is shared by all.

- a) Example: 1st inning: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9; 2nd inning: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,1, 3rd inning: 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,1,2
- b) Please try to keep track of those who do not get an opportunity and accommodate in the next game.

- 5. Bats should not be handled, except for when the player is at-bat.
- 6. Any time the batter throws or drags the bat so that it comes to rest completely outside the 10 foot radius circle, the batter shall be called out, and any runners will return to the bases they occupied at the start of the play. This applies even if the ball is hit foul, or is missed completely. Our goal is to promote the safety of all players and to encourage safe play.
- 7. No intentional bunting shall be allowed. A player must take a natural swing.

C. Base Running

- 1. There is no leading off any base. The runner may not leave until the ball is hit.
- 2. There is no base stealing.
- 3. There is no sliding permitted into any base for any reason.
- 4. Runners may not advance on an overthrow.

D. Coaching

- 1. Coaches must have submitted the League Volunteer Form and be appointed by the board.
- 2. The assistance of team parents for the purposes of control and organization on the bench is encouraged.
- 3. Trash and unclaimed items must be removed from the bench area following each game.
- 4. Two coaches for the defensive team will be permitted on the field, one positioned in the infield and one in the outfield to aid in keeping players in position, focused on the game, and keeping eyes on the batter. At no time may coaches physically participate in the game (except when pitching and catching).
- 5. Offensive base coaches may be positioned at first and third base. Base coaches must be adults.
- 6. Coaching is encouraged over the course of the game. The game may be stopped at any point upon completion of a play by a Coach, to instruct players on fundamentals of the game.