



TEE BALL PLAYING RULES

The game of TEE BALL has been developed to allow the beginning player to practice and learn baseball fundamentals at an age when pitchers find it difficult to consistently throw the ball in the strike zone. When this happens, the batter doesn't develop skill in hitting, base runners can't run the bases and fielders can't learn to field properly.

In TEE BALL, the emphasis is on putting the ball into play and having fun!

The following are condensed rules for playing TEE BALL:

TEE BALL is played by kids ages 6 to 9 (10 optional).

Sneakers, T-shirts and caps are the only playing clothes necessary. **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS HELMETS MUST BE USED.**

Up to fifteen players can be included on each team. Of these, only nine play in the field at any one time, although all the players must play the field at least one full inning. All players on the team bat each inning and the side is retired when all players have had a turn. If there are more players on one team than the other, the runs scored as a result of extra players at bat will not count towards the result of the game.

The ball must be hit from its stationary position on the TEE which is placed on home plate. The umpire must remove the TEE if a play is being made at the plate.

Runners must not leave the bases until the ball is hit.

Bases should be 50 feet apart for 6, 7 and 8 year old play or 60 feet apart for 8, 9 and 10 year old play.

Foul balls are determined as in a standard baseball game. In addition a ball that does not travel at least 25 feet from home plate in fair territory is also a "foul". The rule is 30 feet for 8, 9 and 10 year old play.

Three swings are allowed each batter. If the ball is missed on the third swing the batter is out. A foul ball entitles the batter to another swing.

Bunting is not permitted.

Three innings must be played for a regulation game - maximum 5.

CAUTION

In the event the elastic band snaps when the ball is hit or thrown, the ball will continue to travel in the direction it was hit or thrown. Should this item be used with other individuals in the vicinity of play, they must be prepared to catch or evade the oncoming ball. The player hitting or throwing the ball must also be prepared to catch or evade the returning ball.

When using the BATTING TEE in a game of any type, the following usual safety precautions must be taken:

The area in which the bat is swung must be completely free and clear of other players. This is to prevent any other person from being struck by the bat, ball, elastic band or any portion of the batting tee. It is extremely important that this precaution is taken.

Players in the "field" must not be too close to the batter and must be alert at all times for a ball that may come their way.

If the TEE falls when the ball is hit, care should be taken to avoid the TEE when running to first base or home plate.

Parents must exercise supervision appropriate for the age group of those using the Batting Tee.

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