



# TBall Rules



**A.** Pitcher's distance - 35 feet. Pitching rubber will not be in place. A chalked line will substitute for the rubber. Base distance - 60 feet. Regulation game - 3 innings. No inning will start later than 1 hour after the official starting time, regardless of number of innings played. **Coaches need to be sure to get kids on and off the field and to the plate in a timely manner so 3 innings can be completed and the games must start on time to be sure the second game is afforded enough time.**

**B.** Official score will not be kept and league standings will not be published. Coaches are responsible for keeping track of their own batting order.

**C.** Scores will not be recorded.

**D.** The batting T will be placed on home plate.

**E.** A batter will be given 5 swings to get the ball in fair territory. If, after 5 swings, the ball is not hit into fair territory, the batter is out. (Number of balls and strikes will not be counted)

**F.** Runners will be allowed to advance one base on a ball which does not leave the infield and two bases for balls that enter the outfield grass.

**G.** No stealing bases.

**H.** Runners cannot leave their base until the batter has hit the ball.

**I.** Each team will be allowed to bat all players. No player will bat twice in one inning, regardless of the number of outs recorded per inning. Free substitutions are allowed at all positions at the beginning of any half inning.

**J.** When the ball is in the possession of an infielder and, in the judgment of the designated batting team coach, all play on the runner or runners has ceased; the designated batting team coach shall declare "Time". The ball is dead and shall be returned to home plate.

**K.** The pitcher must stay behind and within the pitching line area until the ball is hit. This line should be 10 feet long and marked with short lines at the ends. Other defensive players cannot play in front of the pitcher.

**L.** The designated batting team coach is responsible for the batting T and umpiring while his/her team is at bat. He or she will adjust it for height at the batters desired level while at bat, set the ball on the T, and clear the T from home plate area when there is a play at home.

**M.** The batter may not swing until the designated batting team coach says "Play Ball".

**N.** Fair territory - same as regular play and the ball must pass beyond a 10-foot chalked arc extending from the tip of home plate up each base line.

**O.** Only the players, batting coach, 2 offensive coaches and a maximum of 3 defensive coaches per team will be allowed on the field of play in the 5/6 age divisions.

**P.** Each team will use six players in the in-field players and four players in the outfield. A coach may elect to put the rest of the team in the outfield, in lieu of them sitting on the bench. Each kid should play the infield at least one inning and no player will sit more than one inning.

**Q.** Batter throwing the bat will get one warning, per game, and the next time it happens the batter will be automatically called out.

**R.** Required equipment: Batter - Batter's helmet; Base runner - Batting helmet; Catcher - mask & helmet; all other equipment is optional.

**S.** The base runner may attempt to advance only on a fair hit or on a caught fly ball (fair or foul) after the runner retouches the base, or if a play is made on a runner at any base.

**T.** All players must play at least two innings in the field in each 3-inning game.

**U.** Any batter/runner called out will not be allowed to remain on the base and must return to the dugout.

**V.** Benton and Towanda do not supply umpires and it is the home team coaches responsibility to manage the games and move them along so they second game can be played before it gets dark.

**W.** The intent of T-ball is to teach the kids to play the game of baseball and softball. Kids should be encouraged to make throws to first base or any base where a force out is going to occur. Having the pitcher catch the ball and run to first base or run and tag kids out is not the intent of T-ball and should not be encouraged.

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