

**Stewartville Youth Athletic Association (SYAA)**  
**T-Ball Rules**

**TEAM Organization**

- Use up to nine (9) fielders.
  - Five (5) infielders - P, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS. (no catcher)
  - Four (4) outfielders - LF, LC, RC, RF.
  - If you have more or less than 9 kids, allow all kids to play the field each time; adjusting the number of players you have in the outfield.
- Each coach will use only players on the roster unless one team does not have enough players; they may then borrow players from the other team to make the teams even. Please do not recruit players who have not registered to play with SYAA. Also, no forfeiting.

**PLAYING CONDITIONS**

- Coaches will serve as umpires.
- All players, except the batter and the on-deck batter, are required to remain on the bench at all times.
- Rotate players at all positions, both infield and outfield to be fair and consistent. Players should be taught to play their position and the best play to make from that position (i.e. throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base on a hit, throw the ball in from the outfield).
- Entire roster will bat each inning. Teams can keep track of outs, but will be allowed to bat through the lineup. (Hoffman rule)
- Visiting team will provide the T.
- Home team will take the field to begin the game.
- Games and practice should not run over an hour.
- Teams will be up to bat the same number of times. Be sure to check the time before starting another inning.
- Home team must furnish game ball. Use Incrediball™ only.
- At the start of each play, the pitcher must be on the mound, the infielders on or behind the base paths and the outfielders at least 15' behind base paths.
- OFFICIAL score will not be kept.
- Coaches behind first and third base, plus up to two coaches are allowed on the field for player guidance. A coach cannot touch the ball or players in the field.
- No in-field fly rule

**ACTION AT BASES**

- No leading off or stealing. No advances other than by a batted ball. Players should only take one base at a time.
- In case of injury to players, play is stopped and runners cannot advance.

**ACTION AT BAT**

- Batter, on-deck batter, and base runners must wear protective head gear.
- Coach must put the ball on his or her own teams tee.
- NO called ball or strikes. NO walks. There will be NO strikeouts in T-ball.

- No bunting — the batter must take a full swing. The ball must be hit at least ten feet from the tee in fair territory, or it will be declared a foul ball. A 10- foot line is marked on the field.
- If the bat strikes the tee but fails to make contact with the ball, it will be considered a foul ball.
- Coaches must make sure batters DO NOT throw the bat .

### **SYAA MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Coaches are responsible for team's equipment.
- If you have problems or questions, contact an SYAA board member.
- Any remarks or comments of a derogatory or abusive nature by a player, fan or coach that show unsportsmanlike conduct will be handled as follows: Umpire (Coaches) shall give the offender a warning, if offense is repeated the umpire shall order the offender from the field. Failure to comply will result in game being forfeited.
- No metal spikes.
- Practice will be held the same night as the game with the understanding that practice/game will not last more than 1 hour. (Coaches determine each weeks time for practice/game)
  - Example:
    - Week 1 30 min practice/30 min game
    - Week 2 20 min practice/40 min game
    - Week 3 15 min practice/45 min game
    - Week 4 15 min practice/45 min game
    - Week 5 10 min practice/50 min game
    - Week 6 10 min practice/50 min game
- Encourage good sportsmanship to provide in having a good time, not just to win. All disputes will be settled quickly and quietly with the umpire (coaches) having the final decision.
- In the presence of lightning and/or thunder the game or practice will end immediately. In the event of rain or other weather related disturbances during the game, the coaches can call the game after consulting each other. If the weather is bad prior to the game, notifications will be sent out via text/email and announcements posted on [www.syaamn.org](http://www.syaamn.org) and on our Facebook page.
- The coaches will also have the responsibility for rescheduling the game. Make up time and date should be agreed upon by both coaches. ALL games postponed or canceled must be rescheduled. There is one make-up week built in to the schedule at the end of the season, to be used as needed.

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