

2014 T-Ball Division Rules – Imlay City Boys Baseball

PROCEDURE:

- All games will be played as scheduled; rainouts will be the only exception.
- After each game/practice is completed, all teams shall clean up their respective dugout area. No succeeding team shall attempt to take possession of the dugout until the previous team has left. **The home team of the game will be responsible for raking the entire field.**

EQUIPMENT:

- Safety helmets with facemasks must be worn by the batters, base runners, pitchers, catchers and on deck batters.
- **Little League / T-Ball approved bats:** 25"-26" in length. 2 ¼" diameter, max. 17 to 20 oz.
- Suggested glove size: T-Ball / 12" maximum.
- Tee is an adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.

FIELD OF PLAY:

- There will be 50 feet between bases.
- The pitcher's mound is 46 feet from the point of home plate.
- The batter's tee is placed on home plate.
- A foul strike area is within a drawn arc between the baselines, 10 feet out from batting tee.
- The playing line is an imaginary line running between first base and third base. It is an arc (a curved circle) extending out 40 feet from the point of home plate.

RULES OF PLAY:

- All players on a side will position in the field: catcher, pitcher, first, second, third, and shortstop. Additional players will make up the outfield positions.
 - Adults can be used in the outfield to coordinate play of the fielders.
- Each coach will supervise the plate for his or her respective side.
- All players on a side will have an at bat each inning.
- **Each coach will place a ball upon the tee or gently pitch a ball to the batter:**
 - Pitching to the batter is **optional to the batter.**
 - A **maximum of three (3) pitches** to a batter will then require use of the batting tee.
 - If the coach is pitching the ball to the batter, he/she is not required to position himself within the pitcher's circle.
- There are no balls or strikeouts.
- **If a defensive out is made, player is called out returns to bench and inning continues until all players have batted.**
- The ball must travel 10 feet or it is considered a foul ball.
- For player safety, no fielder may cross the playing line (40 foot arc) until the ball is hit and crosses the 10-foot arc.
- Coaches should use discretion on base running:
 - Infield hit – single
 - Ball hit to the outfield – double or triple. Coaches should instruct fielders to throw the ball to pitcher to stop play.
- A play shall be considered to be completed and stopped and the play is dead when the pitcher/player has possession at pitcher's mound.
- No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- **A standard game is one hour** or four innings. Scores are not kept.

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