

## 2017 SCBA Tee Ball Division Baseball Rules

All games will be played under the rules outlined in the NFHS rulebook with the exceptions of the SCBA BASEBALL General Playing Rules and the following exceptions:

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Tee ball is to continue developing the skills of fielding, throwing and hitting. In addition, at this level we want to begin teaching the fundamentals of base running and defense. The coaches are encouraged to be enthusiastic and promote an atmosphere of cooperation, teamwork and **fun**.

**\*\*\*Face masks on ALL helmets are required.\*\*\***

- 1. Field** - The distance between the outer edges of each base is **45 ft**.
- 2. The Ball** - The official ball to be used is a "grade **3** t-ball" or its rubber equivalent.
- 3. The Bat** – The maximum bat diameter allowed is 2 5/8". There are no other restrictions.
- 4. Regulation Game** - A complete game will be called at **1** hour after the start of the game, regardless of situation.
- 5. Run Rule** - No run rule.
- 6. Time Limit** - There is a **1** hour time limit.
- 7. Intra-Inning Time Limit** - Does not apply.
- 8. Scores** - No scores will be kept.
- 9. Playing Time** - All players will play the entire game.
- 10. Rotation** - No child shall play the same position for more than two consecutive innings or for more than two innings total in a single game. All players must play at least one inning in the infield and at least one inning in the outfield. Example: Cannot play one child at shortstop three innings in a row. Please use the **Honor System**.
- 11. Pitch Limit** - Does not apply.
- 12. Defense** – Each team will field **all** players present at the game. The infield will consist of a maximum of 5 infielders. The remaining players must be outfielders and must play, at minimum on the edge of the infield grass.
- 13. Pitchers** - There will be **NO** player in the pitcher position.
- 14. Infield Fly Rule** - Does not apply.
- 15. Bunting** - There will be no bunting at anytime. The batter must take a full swing.
- 16. Walks** – Does not apply.
- 17. Lead Off** - No lead off is allowed. A runner may not leave the base until the ball is hit.
- 18. Half Innings** - Half innings will be when all offensive players have batted once.
- 19. Foul Arc** - Does not apply.
- 20. Catchers Position** - The catcher must wear a helmet with facemask. No special rules.
- 21. Defensive Coach** - Teams are allowed **two** defensive coaches. Coach **MUST** stand in the outfield and may not interfere with any play in the field.
- 22. Coach Interference** - Does not apply.
- 23. Last Batter** - The last batter must be announced to the other team. To end the inning a defensive player with the ball must touch home plate. ***Defensive players and coaches are to wait until the last batter crosses home plate before exiting the field.***
- 24. The Tee** - All players will bat from a regulation batting tee supplied by the home team.
- 25. Outs** – The defense is encouraged to make outs. When an out is made the offensive player must return to the dugout. After three outs all runners are to return to the dugout and the inning continues unless the third out occurs when the last batter bats.
- 26. Running the Bases** – The batter and runners may advance a maximum of 2 bases on any hit. The only exception is the Last Batter rule.
- 27. Pitching to Players**- There will be **NO** pitching to the players at any point during the season.