

Tee Ball– District 5 West RULES

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1. Official game is three (3) innings. No new inning will start after one hour from the start of the game. **No exceptions. The next games must start on time.**
2. Coaches should have their players warming up and stretching before the end of the previous game. Each team will get five (5) minutes of infield, starting with the visiting team. **The next games must start on time.**
3. Pitching distance 40 feet. The player in the pitcher position may play no closer to the batter than that.
4. Base distance 50 feet
5. The team in the field will choose the ball to be used (Reduce-Injury-Factor (RIF), safety ball, regular hardball, etc.)
6. A half inning will consist of everyone on the team batting.
7. All dressed players will bat in consecutive order throughout the entire game (bat the roster).
8. Batter will bat until the ball is hit.
9. Ball must travel at least three (3) feet.
10. To insure defensive participation and training, all dressed players must play at least ***two (2)** defensive innings. They need not be consecutive.
11. Each team is allowed 12 players on the field. **No exceptions.**
12. Each team is permitted three (3) coaches in the field. One (1) pitching and the other two (2) positioned behind the base path. They may coach the players, but not physically assist them.
13. A coach needs to determine if the player needs to start with the tee or have a coach pitch to them. Please be fair in your assessment. **NO MORE THAN 3 PITCHES!** This is a Tee-Ball instructional league.
14. If a player doesn't hit a pitch after three (3) pitches then they must use the tee. The ball must travel at least 3 feet. **No exceptions to this rule.**
15. Base runners may not lead off.
16. On a ball hit off of the tee, the base runners may advance only one (1) base. On a ball hit off of a pitch, the base runners may advance until the ball is returned to the infield.
17. All catchers must wear protective cup and throat guards. No one will be permitted to catch without this equipment. **No Exceptions!**
18. Home team will provide the bases.