



## **NORTHWEST BASEBALL TEE BALL LEAGUE RULES**



***Please remember why we are out here. We are out here for the benefit of our kids. We, as coaches, are responsible to teach fundamental baseball, good sportsmanship and the joy of competing.***

### **RULES TO FOLLOW**

#### **Tee Ball Playing Rules**

- All players will play in the field each inning. Teams will field 5 infielders and 5 outfielders. Placing a player in the catcher's position is not allowed. No more than three coaches may direct their players in the field. Fielders should be rotated between the infield and outfield on occasion, while not disrupting the game.
- Each team will bat all of their players each inning (even if the defensive team completes three or more putouts). Teams are encouraged to rotate batting order each inning, (example 1-10, then flip 10-1).
- Having a "second base" coach is encouraged to help direct the runners.
- Once a throw is made to a base, runners will stop at the base they are closest to when the throw arrives near the base. Runners will still run if out is made.
- Runners can advance multiple bases on big hits but should be encouraged to stop at bases when throw is in area.
- Last batter will be announced by coach and all base runners will advance once the ball is hit into play
- **A tee will be used until half of the games in the season have been completed. Games 6-10 will have the option of tee or coach pitch. BUT after 3 pitches the player will hit from the tee, to keep game going.**
- No score will be kept, only a count of the number of batters that have hit and number of innings played.
- Games will last no more than 4 innings; however, no inning shall start after **1 hr**.
- Defensive teams coach should rotate the infielders and outfielders half way thru the batting order.

#### **Tee Ball League Safety/Playing Guidelines**

- The offensive team's coach should place the ball on the tee or pitch to the player
- Only one bat should be out of the bat bag at a time. There is no swinging a bat while "on deck"
- Runners coming into home plate should tag home plate. Coaches should remove the tee between each batter.
- All batters and base-runners must wear an approved batting helmet.
- Coaches may assist batters if they are having difficulty hitting the ball. There are no strikeouts in Tee Ball. All batters hit until they put the ball in play. Refer to the rules in red above for info on pitching to players
- Please make sure to teach players to drop rather than "throw" their bat after they hit the ball.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT**

We must all constantly support and encourage fair play, player safety and sportsmanship. Parents are required to follow the Northwest Bakersfield Baseball (NWBB) Code of Conduct.

- I will always be supportive of my child, their teammates and coaches.
- I will remember that every player on the team is a contributing player.
- I will spread my encouragement equitably amongst the team.
- I will allow all coaching during the games to be done by the coaches and not by parents, in the stands or behind the backstop.
- I will never badger the other team or argue with their supporters.
- I will demand a sport's environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all NWBB events. (Smoking or any Tabaco products is not allowed at our facility)