

T Ball Rules



Team Size

- Six players a side (possibly five or seven).
- If there are five players, the coach acts as the catcher.

Batting

- The ball is not pitched, it is hit from a tee.
- A hitter may have as many swings as they require to hit the ball into fair territory.
- A player is out when:
 - A ball is caught in the air.
 - A player in possession of the ball stands on the base before the runner arrives.
 - A runner between bases is tagged by a fielder with a glove or hand which is holding the ball.
- An inning is completed when every player on the batting team has completed a turn at bat.
- Each inning the leadoff hitter becomes the sixth hitter in the next inning and subsequent hitters will move up one spot in the lineup so that every hitter has a chance to lead off an inning.

Fielding

- All fielders rotate fielding positions each inning in the following manner:
 - Pitcher becomes catcher.
 - Catcher becomes first base.
 - 1st base becomes 2nd base.
 - 2nd base becomes 3rd base.
 - 3rd base becomes shortstop.
 - Shortstop becomes pitcher.

Base Running

- So that fielders are encouraged to throw, runners may advance no further than the base they were heading to when the throw was first made.
- Once a runner turns back toward a previous base they are entitled to that base only.

Umpiring

- Games will be umpired by the coaches.
- Disputes will be settled by rock, paper, scissors.
- Coaches will be on the field to start but it is preferred that coaches work toward the player playing on their own by the end of the season.
- Before “play ball” is called, allowing the ball to be hit:
 - The pitcher must be on the pitching plate; and
 - The catcher must be behind home plate; and
 - No fielders may be inside the base paths; and
 - The runner must be in contact with the base pad.

Play may be altered to allow of children with a disability.