



# TEE BALL

## **RULE BOOK**

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**\*\*\*RULES OF CONDUCT – For Players, Parents, Spectators, Coaches, and Umpires:**

All participants in Parks and Recreation programs, including players, parents, spectators, coaches, and umpires, will treat each other with courtesy and respect at all times.

Unsportsmanlike behavior, including (but not limited to) vulgar language, derogatory comments, threatening words or actions, or physical violence of any kind will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action can and will be taken, if warranted.

Umpires have the right to eject players, parents, spectators or coaches from the game or game area. If more severe sanctions are recommended, the Parks and Recreation’s policies will be followed (copies of this policy are available upon request).

**I. Pre-Season Meeting**

- A. \*\*\*At least one representative from each team **MUST** attend the pre-season coaches’ meeting. If you are unavailable that evening please contact the Recreation Superintendent to make other arrangements.

**II. Coaching Expectations**

- A. Each coach must sign and return the attached “Pledge of Ethics.”
1. All coaches will be held to all Pledge standards for the duration of the season.

**III. Eligibility**

**A. Age Limits**

1. Players must be at least 5 years old as of June 1 and not 7 years old before August 1.

**B. Birth Certificates and Contracts**

1. Birth certificates are not required for this league.
2. Signed player contracts are required for each player, and must be turned in prior to the first game.

**C. Maximum Players per Team**

1. A maximum of fifteen (15) players per team is allowed. All players must be listed on the official roster.

**D. Roster and Payment**

1. A team’s complete payment and roster with players’ names, birth dates, addresses, ages, coaches’ names and phone numbers must be turned in **WITH** all signed contracts one week prior to the start of the season. *If all information is not on file, the team will be considered ineligible and will forfeit each game until the information is on file.*

#### E. Transfers

1. A player must remain on his/her original team as long as he/she and the team are eligible for the league, unless he/she meets the following criteria:
  - a. The player must obtain a transfer form from the team he/she wishes to leave.
  - b. The manager of the current team and the team the player wishes to go to must provide written acceptance of the transfer to the Parks and Recreation Department within seven (7) days.
  - c. The transfer must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
  - d. Players cannot transfer or be added to a team after 20 days from the date of the first scheduled league game.
  - e. Once a player has transferred to a new team, he/she must remain with that team for the rest of the season.

#### IV. Scoring and Make-ups

- A. No score is kept for this league.
- B. Rainouts and cancellations will be rescheduled at the request of the teams affected. Teams should call the office at 328-4650 for assistance with rescheduling.

#### V. Field Measurements and Equipment

- A. Uniforms – Each player will receive one (1) blue and one (1) grey Parks & Recreation Youth Sports t-shirt. Shirts will be given to the coaches at the Coach's Meeting or can be picked up prior to the first game at the Park & Rec office. Your league schedule will display which shirt to wear at each game. If you choose to get your own team t-shirts that is acceptable, just notify the Park & Rec office when you register your team.
- B. Pitcher's position: 40' from home plate.
- C. Base distances: 45' between each.
- D. Bases, tees and 9" soft core balls will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- E. Bats will be provided, but teams may also bring their own. ONLY official Tee Ball bats may be used.
- F. Helmets MUST be worn by batter and all base runners.
  1. Helmets will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.
  2. Catcher's should also wear a helmet but full catcher's gear is not required.
- G. A coin toss will determine the home team. Home teams will sit on the third base side of the field.
- H. Equipment boxes will be located at each field. These boxes will hold all necessary items (bases, helmets, balls, bats, etc.) for game play.
  1. Each coach will receive a key to this box to use for the season.
  2. Equipment can also be used for practices at the fields where boxes are located.
  3. It is important to make sure that all equipment is returned to the equipment box and locked in at the end of each practice or game.
  4. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 328-4650 if any equipment is missing or defective.
  5. Games should be canceled if all safety equipment is not available.

VI. Length of Games

- A. Games will be 5 innings or 1 hour and 10 minutes in length.
  - 1. Innings begun before the time limits should be completed.

VII. Player Participation

- A. The batting order must consist of the entire lineup.
- B. Line-up remains the same throughout the game (every player batting in order).
- C. Ten batters constitutes one inning, REGARDLESS of the number of outs.
- D. Every player must play at least six consecutive outs in the outfield.
  - 1. Every effort should be made to insure that all players' playing time is equal.

VIII. Rules of Play

- A. The coach whose team is at bat should place the ball on the tee to indicate that it is time to swing. The pitcher should make a throwing motion, and then the bat can be swung.
- B. The ball must go 10 feet from the tee before it is playable.
- C. A strike will be called when the batter swings and fails to make contact with the ball.
- D. A foul will be called when the bat makes contact with the tee instead of the ball, the ball does not travel a minimum of 10 feet, and/or the ball does not stay within the fair ball lines.
- E. Strikeouts will be called if the batter has a count of two strikes and the third swing results in a strike OR if the batter has a count of two strikes and both the third and fourth attempts result in a foul.
- F. Three strikes or four fouls is an out.
- G. If a player throws the bat, he/she is out.
- H. Infielders MUST play a minimum of 40' from home plate, including the player in the pitching position.
- I. The catcher should remain away from the plate unless there is the immediate potential for a play at home plate, after the ball has been hit.
- J. There is no leading off bases.
- K. There is no stealing.
- L. There is no sliding or contact of any kind between offensive and defensive players.
- M. Runners can leave a base only after the ball is hit.
- N. Only one base is allowed on an overthrow.
- O. The play is considered over and time is called when the ball reaches the infield.
- P. Runners cannot advance after the ball is returned to the infield and the umpire has called time out.
- Q. If the runner is tagged or caught out, they must return to the dugout and wait until the next inning to bat again.

IX. Awards

- A. All players will receive a participation award from the Parks and Recreation Department at the end of the season.

***Parks and Recreation Youth Sports  
Roster***

League: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Asst. Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name      Address      Phone      Birth Date      Age

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***Parks and Recreation Youth Sports  
Transfer Application***

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

From League: \_\_\_\_\_ From Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To Team: \_\_\_\_\_

New Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A player transfer is needed when a player is going from one team to another within the same league.

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### COACH'S PLEDGE

1. I will, at all times, make the physical, mental and emotional health of my players my top priority.
2. I will emphasize helping my players grow and develop as people more than winning.
3. I will recognize the individual needs and talents of each of my players.
4. I will be respectful at all times in my dealings with players, parents, spectators, and officials.
5. I will strive to make fun and learning the primary goals for my team.
6. I will abide by all safety considerations, including equipment, facilities, and weather conditions.
7. I will abstain from using profane language in front of my players.
8. I will abstain from using alcohol, tobacco products, or any kind of controlled substances around my players.
9. I will communicate all information about the team to my parents in a timely fashion, including my coaching philosophy, practice times and locations, game times and locations, rainout information, and any other relevant details.
10. I will be a positive role model for all aspects of the game.
11. I will follow all local, state, and association rules for my sport.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

League: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

