
SMITHFIELD TEE-BALL BASEBALL

RULES/GUIDELINES

- **THE TEE:** Each team will be provided with a rubber tee that is to be used for batting during games and practices.
GOALS: The goal of the Tee is three-fold:
 - (1) To teach a level swing
 - (2) To improve hand-eye coordination
 - (3) To speed-up play for the benefit of everyone.

- **BATTING:** All players will bat each inning. Each player should be allowed to hit the ball. Coaches may help if needed. There will be a 10' arc painted in front of home-plate. Any batted ball that doesn't go past this line will be considered a foul ball and the batter will hit again. As the season progresses, Coaches may have some players who are **READY** to hit a pitched ball. **PLEASE** limit the pitches to these players to (3); after which the Tee should be used. Batters must wear a batting helmet.

- **FIELDING POSITIONS:** (10) players only shall be allowed on the field defensively in each inning. **EXCEPTION:** If only 11 or 12 players show up for the game---all players can be used in the field. Players should be positioned in legitimate fielding positions (1b,2b,3b,ss,etc.) Infielders should be positioned **BEHIND** the painted line extending from base-to-base. Outfielders should be spread-out in the outfield.

- **BASE RUNNING:** All batters must run upon hitting a fair ball and may not advance another base once the ball is in possession of an infielder. Runners who are legitimately **out** will not be allowed to continue as a runner. This teaches what an **out** is. **NO STEALING** is allowed by any base-runners.

- **TIME LIMIT:** Games will be 55 minutes. No new innings after 55 minutes. **PLEASE** start and stop games on time.

- **SCORING/OUTS:** No scores or outs need to be kept. These games are for fun and teaching the fundamentals of baseball.

- **CATCHERS:** All catchers must wear a batting helmet when catching!!! Coaches should help the catcher as well as the batter to keep the flow of the game going.

- **COACHING:** Coaches are encouraged to be on the field with the players to help coach as the game progresses. **PLEASE** take an active approach with your Team. Coaches are responsible to make sure games start and end on-time and act as the umpire. In case of bad weather games will be rescheduled if possible. If lightning is present ---games should be halted immediately!!!