



## T-Ball Rules

- **BASE DISTANCE:** 60'
- **PITCHING DISTANCE:** 35'
- **BALL SIZE:** 8" White Flexiball Baseball
- **TIME LIMIT:** 1 Hour or 7 innings

### **DEFENSIVE COACH**

In U6 two (2) defensive coaches are permitted on the field. The coaches shall stand behind second base and short stop. The coach may not touch players or the ball.

### **BATTING**

1. Every player present will be in the line-up.
2. An inning will be called when there are 3 outs or the 5th run crosses home plate.
3. No bunting is permitted; batter must take a full swing.
4. Batting helmets are required
5. A legally batted ball is any ball hit off the stand that goes beyond the 15' line in fair territory. However, a fielder may field a ball that has not stopped rolling inside the radius line.
6. Strikes – (A) Missed hitting the ball. (B) Hits stand with bat. (C) Batted ball does not go beyond the radius line unless legally fielded. A strike on the third strike is an out.

### **RUNNING**

1. No stealing, no lead offs, runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.
2. The batter may advance one base (at their own risk) on an overthrow at first base.

3. Once the pitcher gains control of the ball within the 8' circle, play ceases, and the half-way rule will apply to all runners. Pitcher may not throw the ball once the ball goes back to the 8' circle.

3a. The lead runner if not half-way will be sent back to the previous base, thus sending any trail runner back to a previous base. Exception: The batter will not be sent back to home plate.

### **FIELDING**

1. Teams may field 9 players, six in the infield and three in the outfield (all outfielders MUST play in the grass. Outfielders will not be permitted to make a play in the infield)

2. An attempt must be made to throw the ball to the base and not roll the ball on the ground or run the ball to the base. The umpires can use his/her judgment in calling a runner safe for violation of this rule.

3. Time will be called after

a. A ball, hit to the outfield, is thrown into the infield and secured by an infielder.

b. A ball, hit to the infield, is thrown back to the pitcher after an attempt to get the batter/runners out.

### **SPECIAL RULES**

1. No infield fly rule.

2. During the regular season, if a game is tied after regulation, only one (1) extra inning will be played. If after one extra inning, teams are still tied the game will end in a tie.

3. Each player must play in the field a minimum of 2 innings and must not sit the bench more than 2 consecutive innings. Each Player should be given the opportunity to play each position. (For example the same player should not always play 1<sup>st</sup> base)

4. Free defensive substitution of all players is allowed.

5. Play Stoppage: Play stops when the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle area, approximately an 8-foot circle centered by the pitcher's plate.

6. Teams are responsible for neat and orderly appearance of the dugout during games and practices. Teams are responsible for the cleanliness of the dugouts after use.

8. PCPRD will attempt to supply, to coaches, all needed equipment for a successful season. Bats, Helmets, First aid kits, ice packs & a rule sheet are standard issue.