



2025 Jackson

Youth Baseball



T-Ball Rules

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1. **Game time** – No inning shall start after an hour and 15 minutes.
2. **NO forfeits** in this age division. If one team doesn't have enough players, then loan to opposite team.
3. **Field** will be prepared by the Parks Department, Home team is responsible for putting away the bases at the end of the night and turning off the lights on the field.
4. **Keeping score** is not required.
5. Home team will be in the 1st base side dugout, away team will be in the 3rd base side dugout.
6. **Batting order**, each team shall bat half plus one of their roster each inning so the same player is not leading off/ending every inning. Please rotate your batting order each game so a different player has the opportunity to lead off each game. Each half inning will end once the batting team has batted half + one of their roster.
7. **Coaches** will serve as umpires during games. First and third base offensive coaches will umpire their respective bases and pitching coach will umpire second base. The defensive team should have a coach positioned behind home plate and they will umpire the plate and move the tee in and out of play.
8. Teams shall use ALL players in the field. You can have two catchers, one on each side of the plate. No more than 7 infielders, rest of players must be in the outfield. Coaches may spread the players out so that they can have an equal opportunity to make a play on the ball.
9. Players must play an infield position at least every other inning. Infield positions are: catcher, first, second, short stop, or third base.
10. **Safety helmets** are required on batters, base runners, and catchers.
11. **The batting tee** will be placed on home plate. A 10 ft chalk semi-circle will be placed around home plate. A hit must go past the semi-circle in front of home plate to be a fair ball. Batted balls that remain in the semi-circle will be considered a foul ball.
12. **You must hit off of the batting tee.**
13. Base stealing, leadoffs and bunting are not permitted.
14. **If a player is out – either by a tag or force out situation then they must return to the dugout.**
15. **Weather Policy** - When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.