

T-Ball (Kindergarten) Rules 8 Game Season

1. Games are to last 4 innings or 1.5 hours
2. 9 players in the field, no catcher – 4 outfielders (if both teams agree, you can play others in the outfield)
3. If a team has less than 9, the game can still be played.
4. Remember, the purpose of the league is to develop fundamentals. All players should receive equal playing time. Move players around to give them experience at every position.
5. Players can't play the same position more than two consecutive innings.
6. Switch players from Infield to Outfield and vice versa throughout the games.
7. Running batting order is used. Every player bats every inning. Bases are cleared after 3 outs. Batting team should notify the opponent when it is the last batter. Once the play is dead, base runners should head to their bench. The fielding team should remain at their positions until the runners have reached the bench.
8. 1 st half of season, hit off tee (unless the kids are able to hit without the tee from the beginning). Coaches' discretion to pitch to individual players.
9. 2nd half of season, coach pitches. If a batter has not hit the ball after 5 pitches, the ball should be placed on a tee for them to hit. If they foul off the 5th pitch, throw another.
10. No score is kept. The league is meant to develop the fundamentals, sportsmanship, rules of the game, and fun.
11. A RIF5 baseball is to be used for all games.
12. USA stamped bats (any drop/any size) are encouraged since they are required by the 3 rd grade level, but not required