

WAY2GO! SPORTS
TEE BALL/COACH PITCH RULES
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Distance between bases: 50 feet

Pitching distance: 38 feet (coach pitching)

Steel spikes are prohibited. Bats—25-26" long, 2 ¼" diameter, max 17-20 ounces.

Helmets must be worn by all offensive players that are not in the dugout—i.e. BATTER, ON DECK BATTER AND BASE RUNNERS.

All games shall last **no more than one hour** in length regardless of innings played. No inning shall start after one hour. It is encouraged that each team will have a lineup ready before the game starts for field rotation. This will cut back on delays between innings

All players will play on defense. **NOTE:** Players will not pitch. All players should rotate through **ALL** the field positions. There are instances for safety reasons that a player will not be placed in "high-action" positions due to the player's development. It is encouraged that through coaching, each player will be able to play each position by the end of the season. Player participation will be handled by each Manager/Coach.

Each team shall "bat around" and an inning is over when every player has batted one time. Each batter will get three pitched balls; if the baseball is not put into play, the baseball is then placed on the batting tee and the batter will get three additional swings to put the baseball into play. If a player doesn't hit the ball after three swings, he advances to 1st base to run the bases. Due to time constraints, please keep the number of thrown pitches to three.

- NO Bunts or half swings
- NO Infield Fly Rule
- NO Walks

A coach shall do all the pitching—usually overhand from one knee—or if preferred--standing and throwing underhand. If the pitching coach is hit by a batted baseball, the baseball is still in play.

Once a hit baseball is in control by an infielder—**in the infield**--base runners cannot advance. If the base runners are half way to the next base then the runner is entitled to the base.

Base runners advance on a batted baseball only. There is NO STEALING. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.

Upon completion of the entire team batting, that will end the inning. The team that is batting shall notify the team in the field when the last batter is up. The defensive team only has to gain control of the baseball—in the infield--to end the inning.

When the defensive team records an out on a play, the batter-runner/base runner shall return to his or her dugout. No outs will be counted for the purpose of ending innings.

After the game is over, both teams will line up on the baseline and proceed to congratulate each other.

Coaches are allowed on the field defensively and are there to teach and correct....**not direct...**(i.e. you can't tell Billy to throw the ball to second base during the play, but once the play is over you can explain to Billy why he should have thrown the ball to second base.)

Way2Go! Sports Tee Ball is an instructional, relaxed format division for introducing boys and girls to the great game of baseball. For this reason, no score will be kept and no statistics taken.

Way2Go! Sports Tee Ball is all about instruction and building team play--not winning or losing.