

T-Ball General Rules

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FSA Baseball is not currently affiliated with any organization (i.e. Little League, Nations, etc.). However, Nations rules will serve as the primary set of rules for FSA Baseball except as modified herein. If no modification to the applicable rule is incorporated, the Nations rules shall prevail.

Eligibility: This division is restricted to players 6 years of age and younger.

Purpose: T-ball is specifically used to teach the fundamentals. The more engagement by the coaches, the better. Focus on teaching the kids hitting, throwing, base running and where the positions are located.

Game Times: Games will be 50 minutes. Please be mindful of the clock. Do not start a new inning with less than 10 minutes on the clock.

Game Balls: Both teams will supply one game ball per game. FSA issues “soft touch” T-balls to each coach.

Playing Rules:

1. No Umpires – Coaches will monitor the game. **Teach the Fundamentals!!!**
2. Defensive coaches **WILL** be allowed to assist the players in the field.
3. **NO SCOREBOARD WILL BE USED** – Scores and records will **NOT** be kept.
4. The pitcher must stay on the pitching mound until the batter hits the ball. Continued violation will result in the pitcher being replaced.
5. The coach of the team that is batting must place the tee on home plate for the batter.
6. The coach of the team that is batting must remove the tee from the home plate area after the ball is hit.
7. Every player must play an infield position during each game. 1B, 2B, 3B, SS and P are considered infield positions.
8. Teams will roster bat each half inning. If an out is made, the runner shall be removed from the base and play continues with the next batter. The inning does not change if 3 outs are made.
9. Batters will go base to base. **NO** extra base hits will be allowed.
 - Exception will be the last batter. The last batter can hit a “home run” clearing the bases. Coaches are encouraged to rotate their lineup to allow each player to “hit a homerun”

10. No bunting. A batter must take a full swing.
11. A ball is considered fair if it travels 10 feet from home plate.
12. Runners **CANNOT** advance on an overthrown ball into foul territory. (e.g., the batter cannot advance to second base on overthrow at first base)
13. The pitcher is **NOT** allowed to make an unassisted out at first base.
14. The pitcher **MUST** wear a batting helmet while in the field.
15. Players **CANNOT** intentionally roll the baseball when making a fielding play. The ball must be thrown to a defensive player.
 - Outfielder shall be **NO CLOSER** than the edge of the infield grass **OR** 15' behind the baseline until the ball has been put into play.
 - The **ONLY** unassisted out that can be made by an outfielder is catching a fly ball.
 - Outfielders are not permitted to chase or race base runners to the base.
16. No fielder (infield) can be positioned closer to the batter than an imaginary line drawn across the face of the pitching rubber with said imaginary line extended to the foul lines.
17. There is no infield fly rule in effect in T-Ball.
18. No stealing or leading off base. Runners must maintain contact with the base until ball is hit.
19. Big barrel bats will **NOT** be allowed in Tee-Ball. **MUST SAY "TEE-BALL" ON THE BAT.**
20. After the halfway point of the season, coaches may choose to throw each batter 3 pitches. If the batter does not hit any of the pitches fair, they shall immediately bring the tee out and have the batter hit from the tee. No out will be recorded for a strikeout and no more than three pitches can be thrown to a batter.