

Bullard Cal Ripken Tee Ball Rules

1. General

1. The league is non-competitive. Games scores and league standings are not kept.
2. There are no benchwarmers in Tee Ball. All team members present play each inning.
3. All the players on a team will bat to complete an offensive half-inning.

2. Field of Play

1. The home team Coach is responsible for ensuring that the field is prepared for play. Bases shall be forty five (45) feet apart (existing permanent bases at most fields are sixty (60) feet apart).

3. Offense

1. One offensive coach will be required to assist each batter on his/her team in adjusting the tee, assist in the batting process, and remove the tee and the bat from the home plate area immediately after the batter bats the ball.
2. The hitting coach and the base coaches advise the runners on the offensive team.
3. To start play, the hitting coach will check that the defense is ready, and then place the ball on the tee. The batter will swing until he/she hits a fair ball.
4. There are no recorded outs and no strike outs or walks.
5. The coach of a batter who intentionally or unintentionally throws a bat is given one courtesy warning by the opposing coach. If an incident occurs again the guilty batter is recorded out. The guilty batter shall be given another opportunity to successfully complete his/her next at bat.
6. Players are not allowed to slide at any base.
7. Stealing bases and leading off base are not allowed.
8. Each member of each team batting one time constitutes a half-inning.
9. Base runners shall advance one base at a time, unless the ball travels approximately 30 feet out of the infield lines, in which case the base runners may advance two bases.
10. The "last batter" in the inning must be announced to the opposing team by the coach of the team at bat. When the "last batter" hits the ball all remaining base runners will advance until the "last base runner" reaches home plate.

4. Defense

1. Two coaches are permitted in the outfield area to assist while the game is in progress. One defensive coach will be allowed in the infield area.
2. Players take regular baseball positions with extra players filling in as needed.
3. The pitcher in Tee Ball, located in the same general area of the diamond as the pitcher in regular baseball, does not pitch.
4. If a ball is overthrown (in bounds or out), before the runner reaches the base, the runner must stay at that base. He/She will not be awarded the next base.
5. Collisions and physical interference between players are to be avoided at all times. Any collision judged intentional by the coaches will cause the guilty player to be called out, and may result in his expulsion from the game.

5. Game Play

1. Each game will be three innings in length with a fifty-five minute time limit. At the forty-five minute mark, the home coach shall call time out and announce to all that the game will end in ten (10) minutes. In no case can play extend beyond the time limit.
2. Each game needs to start promptly at the scheduled time. If participants arrive late, coaches are to put them in the game as soon as they arrive.
3. There shall be no make-up games in Tee Ball.

6. Conduct and Sportsmanship

1. The team Coach is responsible for exemplifying and maintaining good sportsmanship at practices and games.
2. The team Coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her coaches, players, and their parents.
3. Profane language and or gestures will not be tolerated.
4. A player, coach or parent guilty of misconduct in the judgment of the Coach is subject to disciplinary action, and may be asked to leave the premises. If the guilty party refuses to leave the game will end immediately.

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