



## Tealtown TEE-BALL League Rules:

- 1.) The ages for this league shall be 4, 5 and 6 years of age prior to January 1.
- 2.) All batters will either hit off a TEE or hit a live pitch thrown from a coach. Players shall not pitch.
- 3.) All players will bat once per inning.
- 4.) A batter shall be allowed 5 live pitches or hit off the TEE.
  - a) If the batter hits off the TEE, on the third swing if the batter cannot put the ball in fair play, the coach may choose to help the player hit the ball.
- 5.) Please reward defensive play by calling outs; congratulate batter or base runner on effort, but explain that they are out. This will accomplish numerous items - teaches the game of baseball, encourages effort when running, gives them a goal to achieve, and rewards good play. Being on base should be something earned.
- 6.) There is to be no leadoff or stealing by the runners. An advance to the next base can only take place when the ball is hit into fair territory.
- 7.) The ball shall be considered dead and no runner may advance once the ball has been fielded by either the infielder or outfielder.
  - a) The player does not have to have possession as long as the attempt was closely made.
  - b) The ball shall be considered dead if it is missed by the outfielder. The batter shall advance one base from the time of the missed ball.
- 8.) All players will play defense.
- 9.) The defensive team will consist of all players of which at least four (4) shall play in the outfield.
- 10.) An inning shall end after all players have had a turn at bat
- 11.) Base distances are 50 feet. Pitcher's area distance is 35 feet, or wherever the coach feels comfortable.
- 12.) Managers and Coaches will handle all Umpiring from their respective positions on the field during play.
- 13.) Coaches are not allowed to field any ball, which is in play.
- 14.) No league standings and no official score is to be kept. No "infield fly rule" will be used.
- 15.) Batters and base runners must wear helmets at all times.
- 16.) Managers should attempt to equalize playing time in the infield and outfield for all players throughout the season. Players shall be given the opportunity to play a variety of positions.

### **Things you can do to help speed up the games:**

- 1.) Be ready to start and take the field at your starting time.
- 2.) Have your players warmed-up before game time.
- 3.) Have your lineup made up before you arrive at the park.
- 4.) Note: You have been allotted 90 minutes to play and it is up to you how you choose to spend your time.
- 5.) Games start at 6:30 PM, there shall be no new inning after 7:45 PM
  - a) In the event you still can't get your games in on time we will discuss alternatives.