



Kindergarten T-Ball Bylaws 2024

- By-laws may be altered by recreation staff as deemed necessary.

I. GAME FORMAT

1. Games consist of 45 minutes (drop dead time at the discretion of the Site Supervisor).
2. Running clock
3. Score will NOT be kept
4. First team listed is the home team. Home team starts the game in the field on defense.
5. There will be no umpires. “Fair” vs. “foul” and “safe” vs. “out” will be called at the discretion of the coaches. Coaches are expected to explain the calls and teach fundamentals during the game situation.
6. All players will bat once each inning. After each player has batted, the teams will switch sides
7. There is no limit to the number of outs or runs scored each inning. Each player gets a turn at bat regardless of the amount of outs.
8. All players will play defensively each inning.

II. EQUIPMENT AND FIELD

1. Bases will be 40 feet apart.
2. Bats: 24”-26” bats are recommended
3. Ball: 9 in. T-ball (softer than a baseball)

III. UNIFORMS

1. Each player will be given a jersey and a hat.
2. Players must wear pants or shorts. Pants are recommended for sliding purposes.
3. Athletic shoes must be worn and tied at all times. Metal cleats will not be permitted.
4. Hard casts or braces must be covered with a soft material.
5. All players must provide their own baseball glove.
6. Batters and base runners are required to wear batting helmets. Helmets will be provided.
7. Please bring a water bottle to every game and practice.

IV. RULES OF PLAY

1. Batting order consists of all team players present, each batting in the same rotation throughout the game.
2. All players must remain on the team bench if they are not playing defense, batting, or base running.
3. Each batter will be given 3 attempts to hit the ball off the tee. The player will be called out if they fail to fairly hit one of the 3 attempts. However, if the player fouls on the third strike he/she will remain at bat until the ball is hit fairly or the player strikes out.
4. Players may advance multiple bases after a successful batted ball if the fielding allows.
5. One offensive coach will act as catcher for their team.
6. A player who is declared out will return to the team bench. The out will be explained; however there is no limit to the number of outs each inning.
7. All base runners must tag up and may not leave the base until the ball has been fairly hit (NO STEALING BASES). **Penalty:** base runner may be declared out.

V. RESCHEDULING

1. Conditions permitting, all games will be played when scheduled. If a game or practice is canceled, rescheduling is NOT guaranteed. However, the recreation department will strive to reschedule whenever possible.
2. It is the responsibility of the field supervisor to determine if the condition of the field or weather should stop play of the game.

VI. COACHES AND CONFERENCES

1. This league will not have coach conferences.
2. Coaches can interact with their team at any time during the game on or off the field, but should avoid impeding play.
3. Maximum of one defensive coach and two offensive coaches are permitted on the playing field. One of the offensive coaches will act as a catcher for their team.
4. Coaches under the age of 18 must wear a helmet if they are on the field.
5. Coaches may not interfere with play. (E.g. Standing in front of the fielders)
6. Coaches are responsible for keeping their players and spectators under control.

VII. SPORTSMANSHIP POLICIES

1. The City Recreation Department is dedicated to providing quality recreational sports programs in a spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship for all of our families, friends and neighbors. It is expected that all players, coaches, parents, and spectators will strongly adhere to all rules of play and etiquette involving the program.
2. Any questions or concerns regarding the performance of a staff member should be brought to the attention of the Recreation Supervisor.
3. We encourage your constructive feedback on the program and expect that all participants conduct themselves in a manner supportive of fair play and kindness
4. There will be zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct among players, coaches, parents and spectators. Offenders may be ejected and law enforcement may be called when deemed necessary. Anyone ejected from a game will not be permitted to attend the next game (minimum). They may be removed from multiple games and practices when deemed necessary by the recreation department.
5. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game must schedule an appointment with the recreation supervisor within 24 hours of the game in order to participate in the program again.
6. Coaches will be expected to properly educate players the values of teamwork, character, and sportsmanship. Coaches shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct for players, team parents, and spectators.
7. **GOOD SPORTS CLINTON:** All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to follow the Good Sports Utah Initiative- to embody respect, leadership, kindness, sportsmanship and positivity.