

# 2024 T-BALL GAMEPLAY INFO

## SEASON:

- JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>
- 8 GAMES: Tuesday evenings & Thursday evenings
- VINEYARD GROVE PARK: 350 N 100 E, Vineyard
- All schedules can be found online: [www.quickscores.com/vineyardutah](http://www.quickscores.com/vineyardutah)

## ROSTERS:

- 9 PLAYERS MAX PER TEAM
- 4-PreK Teams: 12 (Athletics, Rockies, Dodgers, Rangers, D-Backs, Blue Jays, Mariners, Pirates, Braves, Giants, Padres, Twins)

## FIELD SIZE:

- 45' Baseline Distance with 30' defensive arc (defense must start behind the defensive arc)

## GAMETIME:

- Games are to start at scheduled game time.
- The Site Supervisor is to check in with each game's Coaches prior to gametime to ensure Coaches have the necessary equipment.
- Each game is to be managed by coaches of both teams.
- Each game is to consist of 3 full innings. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning is complete, the game is over.
- The AWAY team is to bat first (as designated on game schedule)
- There are to be yard signs at Grove Park to designate each Field #.

## OFFENSE:

- Only one player is allowed in the batter's box at any given time. All other players should wait BEHIND the field backstop for their turn to bat.
- Please have batter wear a helmet when up to bat.
- The batting team's Coach is to place the baseball on the Tee. Please adjust the height of the tee as needed for each player. Height of tee should be near the batter's belt line.
- Player must hit the ball off the tee with a bat before running to 1<sup>st</sup> base. Coach is to reset the ball on the tee if the child doesn't contact the ball (if child hits the tee and the ball falls off the tee).
- After baseball is hit, Coaches please be sure to pick up the bat from the child before he/she runs to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
- Only baseballs hit in fair play are playable (between bases). If a foul ball is hit, please have the batter hit again.
- After the baseball is hit by the batter and a player on defense picks up the ball, the batter should remain at the base he/she is nearest to (don't keep running the bases). However, after the last batter on the team hits the ball, he/she and all the runners on base should run all the bases until home plate.
- Outs are not to be enforced! 3 outs is not to designate the defense to offense. Each player should be allowed the opportunity to bat each inning.
- No score to be kept.

### **DEFENSE:**

- After each player on a team has the opportunity to bat, the hitting team is to switch to defense & the team on defense is to then bat.
- For defense, coaches can choose to do one of the following:
  - A fielding line with ½ their players lined up in a single file line near the pitcher's mound and the other ½ lined up in a single file line near 1<sup>st</sup> base. The child at the front of the line near the pitcher's mound is to get the baseball after it is hit and throw the baseball to the child at the front of the line at 1<sup>st</sup> base. The first baseman should then give the ball back to the coach putting the baseball on the tee. Players then go to the end of the line.
  - Kids change positions every inning.
- There is never to be a player behind Homeplate as Catcher.
- All defensive players should start behind the 30' defensive arc before ball is hit.

### **ADDITIONAL RULES:**

- Each player is to provide his/her own baseball mitt/glove.
- Cleats are not required. If players do wear cleats, they shouldn't have metal spikes.
- Please change the batting order each inning.
- Player must drop the bat immediately after hitting the ball.
- Please do not add a player to your team without first getting permission from Vineyard Rec Staff. Only players who have registered for this division are allowed to participate.
- Each player must wear his/her team jersey at each game. Otherwise, he/she may be asked by the Site Supervisor not to participate.
- Spectators must sit behind the dotted blue line.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Vineyard Recreation is to provide bases, backstops, and 4 helmets for each season game.

A Coach on each team is to receive the following from Vineyard Recreation:

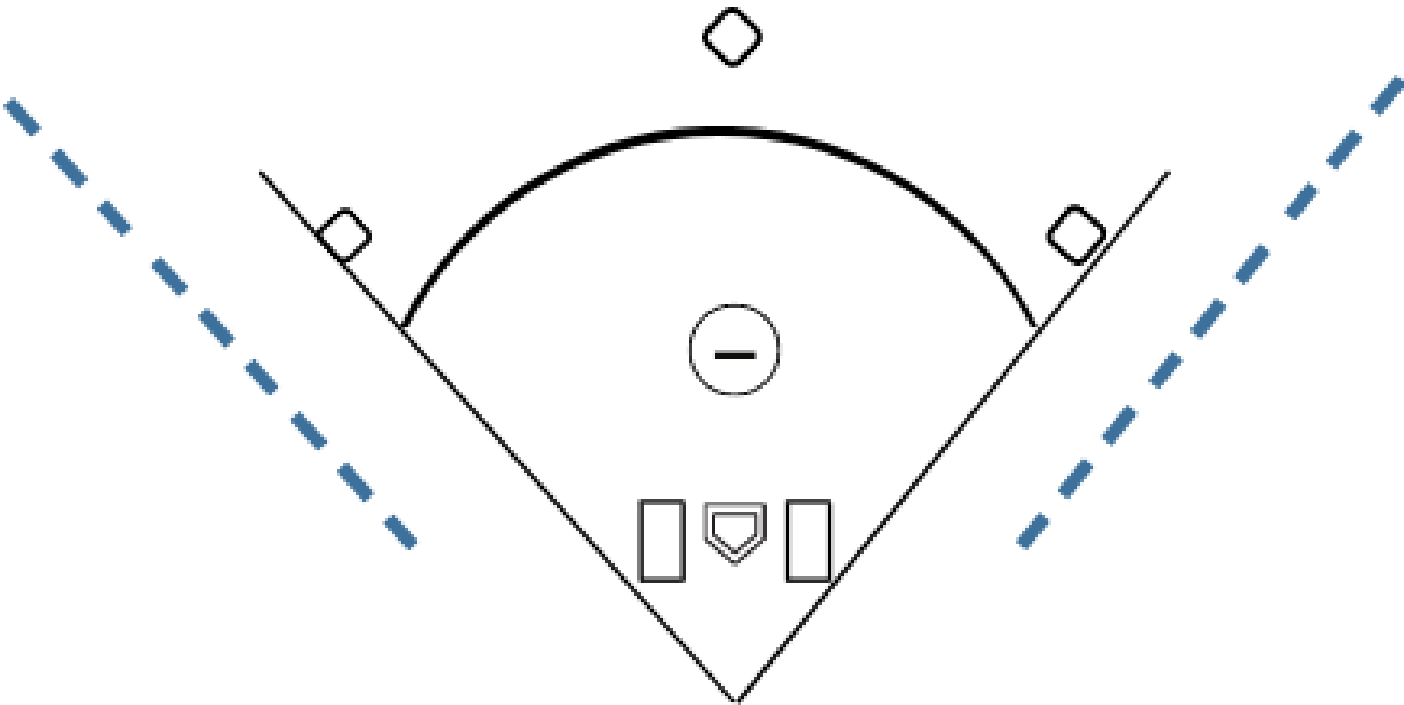
- 1 baseball tee
- 1 baseball bat – 25" & 13 oz. (-12)
- 5 baseballs – Soft Core
- 1 mesh bag

**\*Coaches, please bring your tee, bat, and baseballs to utilize at each season game & turn in all equipment immediately following your team's last season game to the Site Supervisor\***

### **GAME CANCELLATIONS/MAKE-UP GAME DAYS:**

Games are to be cancelled by Vineyard's Recreation Coordinator for inclement weather. Inclement weather may include: lightning, severe temperatures, poor air quality, and any other unsafe environment conditions. Game cancellation(s) are to be determined by 4pm on gamedays. We encourage parents and coaches to call the Vineyard Recreation Rain-out Hotline after 4pm: **801-226-1929, extension 9**. If games are cancelled, a parent/guardian of each league participant is to receive a text message or email from Vineyard's Recreation Department. Games may still be cancelled at the fields if deemed necessary by recreation staff. If 2 full innings of a game have been played, prior to games being cancelled, that game is not to be rescheduled. Games are ONLY to be rescheduled by Vineyard Recreation Staff.

FIELD OUTLINE:



# VOLUNTEER COACH EXPECTATIONS

As a **HEAD COACH**, you could receive up to a 50% refund on your child's registration by completing the following criteria:

- Pass pre-season coaches survey by **Thursday, June 13th, 2024** (10%)
- Attend & coach at 75% of the assigned team's games (10%)
- Organize & coach at 4 practices on non-game days for your assigned team (10%)
- Submit response to post-season survey by **Monday, August 5th, 2024** (10%)
- The other 10% is automatically received.

As an **ASSISTANT COACH**, you could receive up to a 25% refund on your child's registration completing the following criteria:

- Pass pre-season coaches survey by **Thursday, June 13th, 2024** (5%)
- Attend & coach at 50% of the assigned team's games (5%)
- Organize & coach at 4 practices on non-game days for your assigned team (5%)
- Submit response to post-season survey by **Monday, August 5th, 2024** (5%)
- The other 5% is automatically received.

**\*Coach Refunds are dependent upon returning team equipment by  
Monday, August 5th, 2024\***

Tips for ensuring a successful season:

- Exemplify good sportsmanship.
- Communicate to your team parents frequently.
- Ask for help from your team parents and Vineyard Recreation if needed.
- Make it fun and enjoyable for every player! Please help each player have a positive experience in this league. **DON'T BE ANY KID'S LAST COACH.**
- Be positive and encouraging rather than negative and discouraging.
- Focus on the fundamentals: **Hitting**, Throwing, Catching, Fielding, Running, Positioning, Rules - Resources can be provided by Vineyard Recreation if needed or desired.

**\* If you can't attend a game, please contact the assistant coach to fill the head coaching role. If neither coach can attend, please contact Vineyard Recreation. \***