

St. Johns Youth Baseball
Rules for Tee Ball

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Recommended rules of play:

- 1) Player's Birth date from Kindergarten to 7/31/03
- 2) Players on a team 10 minimum, 14 maximum
- 3) 50 feet between the bases.

- 4) A real or imaginary playing line is between first base and third base or an arc 40 feet from the home plate.

- 5) Every player bats and plays in the field.
- 6) The ball is hit off a batting tee; there is no pitching.
- 7) There are no walks or strikeouts.
- 8) Outs will be called and players will be removed from the base.
- 9) The ball must travel 10 feet or it is foul.

- 10) No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit.
- 11) No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- 12) An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- 13) Standard game is four innings.
- 14) Scores are not kept for the younger players.
- 15) Safety helmets must be worn.
- 16) Bats- 25/26" long, 2 1/4" diameter, max. 17 to 20 oz.
- 17) Ball- 9"-9 1/2" around, 4 to 5 oz. Softer than a standard baseball. Molded core or sponge rubber center.

- 18) Gloves 12" long, max.
- 19) Tee- adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.
Athletic footwear.

- 20) NO STEEL CLEATS ALLOWED.

- 21) The major differences in play concern winning/losing and what constitutes an inning. As children play to win in other games and view competitive sports on TV, many tee ball leagues sanction scoring and winning for the older and/or more mature players (usually six years and up.) This also permits another level of play, specifically, tournaments and other competitive events. Otherwise, tee ball can be positioned as a skill building, learning experience, where the scores is not the focus of the game. Some leagues prefer to consider an inning to be the traditional three outs but the majority of play is "bat around" where an inning is over after every player has batted one time.

22) Coach-Pitch is a modification of the game usually reserved for older players or for younger players whose batting skills have advanced. A coach (adult or mature teen-ager) throws the ball to the batter. Underhand pitches can be thrown with an arc to reduce speed. Overhand pitches can be thrown from one knee on the ground to put the pitcher at the same level as the batter. If the player is unable to hit the pitched ball after a pre-determined number of throws-usually four-seven the ball is placed on a tee and the players turn continues. All other rules are the same. T-Ball USA recognizes the benefits provided by coach-pitch and endorse its use, especially after the youngest players have gained confidence in the batting situation. Perhaps the greatest contributing factor to the growth and popularity of the game is that the final decision as to procedure or certain rules is made at the local level, based on the judgment of the administrators as to which format best serves their community program.

23) Make-up games will be the coach's option.

24) In case of lightning, a fifteen (15) minute postponement applies to all current games. All players MUST seek shelter (in vehicles). If after fifteen (15) minutes, the lightning has not subsided, wait an additional fifteen (15) minutes, for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes. At that time, a Board Member will call the game, Coaches may also call the game if no Board Member is present. If lightning returns after play has resumed, the fifteen (15) minute postponement starts over. The one and One half (1 1/2) hour time limit for the game will remain in force during the lightning delay. No extra time will be granted for the delay. The cancellation of an earlier game, due to lightning does not necessarily cancel all later games.

25) The Umpire in Chief will call inclement weather field conditions and may cancel games. Information concerning this matter may be obtained by calling 989 224-8374 after 3:30 p.m. or check our web site at (www.leaguelineup.com/sjyb.) "Rain outs" will not be made up unless the teams rained out reschedule the games with the Umpire in Chief.

26) ***GOOD LUCK!!!! And have fun.***

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