

Winterville Parks and Recreation Department

T-Ball Rules & Regulations

Winterville T-Ball will be a 9-10 game season. Each team is guaranteed to play 8 games (i.e., 1 rainout may not be made up)

Safety

1. Safety is always first.
2. No throwing the bat.
3. All batters will wear a batting helmet while both at bat and on base.
4. No sliding.
5. No base stealing.
6. There is no on-deck circle. The on-deck batter will wear a helmet to be ready but will not have a bat in their hands until they are at the tee.
7. Throwing the bat by the batter constitutes an OUT. Speak with the player first, point out the danger that is caused by throwing the bat, but if the problem continues the player will be forced to lose an "at bat turn".

Start of the Game

8. A team should field a minimum of 7 players to complete a game.
9. A team should appear at the field, ready for play, 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
10. Each game will consist of approximately 1 hour of playing time or 3 innings, whichever comes first.
11. All players present will be placed in the batting line-up and will bat in the order listed.
12. Each coach shall be responsible for the conduct of his players and fans/spectators.
13. Both Teams are responsible for cleaning up the area after each game.
14. No animals/pets of any kind are permitted on the fields during practices or games there is NO exception to this rule.

Players and Positions

15. A team should field a minimum of 7 players to complete a game.
16. If a player is hurt, they may be removed from the game and at a later time return to the game. They may return only to the batting position that they held prior to being injured.
17. A fielding team will consist of 11 players.
18. On defense, the players will be positioned at 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, 1 pitcher, and one utility infielder. All other players will be positioned evenly in the outfield area.
19. No player will play the same position for more than two innings.
20. Coaches will ensure that all players will play at least half of each game.

Coaches and Assistants

21. Coaches or assistants will be at the batting tee instructing the children while their team is at bat.
22. The 1st and 3rd base coaches are restricted to the area of the coach's boxes. Coaches are not allowed to physically assist base runners; e.g. pushing the runner or helping the runner off the ground, while the ball is in play.
23. A maximum of 3 coaches from the defensive (fielding) team are allowed on the playing field. These coaches should be situated behind 1st 2nd and 3rd bases. These coaches are on the field for instructional purposes only, such as re-positioning the fielders and relaying information.

Play of the Game

24. Make the game fun.
25. There will be no score keeping of any kind. This is a non competitive league.
26. During the game, all players must remain in the designated team areas and on benches, except the batter at the plate.
27. The next batter will not approach the plate until called by the batting coach or umpire.
28. The coach will place the ball on the tee and verify that the tee is adjusted within the strike zone (between the knees and the armpits of the batter). The batting coach may adjust and reposition the batter at any time as long as the ball is not in play.
29. Batters will have no more than 4 attempts to successfully strike the ball.
30. All batters will hit off the Tee. **No pitching to more advanced players.** When you have a stronger batter up, please notify the other coach so he can protect his smaller players.
31. The batting coach will remove the tee from the playing field after the ball is hit.
32. In T-Ball the play is considered 'over' when the ball is returned to a player at the mound or any base.
33. When the coach calls the ball dead, it stays dead until the coach calls the ball in play again.
34. Runners may advance to the next base on an overthrow out-of-bounds. Runners cannot advance on any foul ball.
35. The runner may not leave the base until the ball is struck by the batter.
36. Leading off is not permitted.
37. Base stealing is not permitted.
38. T-ball is played on 40 foot bases.