

## Tee-Ball General Rules

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FSA Baseball is not currently affiliated with any organization (i.e. Little League Nations, etc.). However, Nations rules will serve as the primary set of rules for FSA Baseball except as modified herein. If no modification to the applicable rule is incorporated, the Nations rules will prevail.

**Eligibility:** This division is restricted to players 6 years of age and younger.

**Purpose:** T-ball is specifically to teach the fundamentals. The more engagement by the coaches, the better. Focus on teaching the kids hitting, throwing, base running and where the positions are located.

### Game Limits and Durations:

Tee Ball - 5 innings or 50 minutes. – If time becomes an issue, DO NOT start a new inning. This will help keep all games on schedule.

### Game Balls:

Both teams will supply one game ball. FSA issues Easton SoftStitch IncrediBall Training Baseball.

### Playing Rules:

- No Umpires – Coaches monitor the game. **Teach Fundamentals!!!**
- Defensive coaches will be allowed to assist the players in the field.
- **NO SCOREBOARD WILL BE USED** – Scores are not kept.
- The pitcher must stay on the pitching mound until the batter hits the ball. Continued violation will result in the pitcher being replaced.
- The batting coach must place the tee on home plate for the batter.
- The batting coach must remove the tee from the home plate area after the ball is hit.
- Every player must play an infield position during each game. 1B, 2B, 3B, SS and P are considered infield positions. (Contact your rep if you feel there is a safety concern)
- No player shall sit 2 innings in a game before all players in attendance have sat at least 1 inning. No player shall sit 2 innings consecutively.
- No bunting. A batter must take a full swing, commonly referred to as **“breaking the wrist”**.
- A ball is considered fair if it travels 10 feet from home plate.
- Runners can only advance one base on an overthrown ball into foul territory. (e.g., the batter can only advance to second-base on over throw to first)
- The pitcher is NOT allowed to make an unassisted out at first base.

- The pitcher must wear a batting helmet while in the field.
- Players cannot intentionally roll the baseball when making a play. The ball must be thrown to a defensive player
  - Outfielder shall be NO CLOSER than the edge of the infield grass OR 15' behind the baseline until the ball has been put into play.
  - The ONLY unassisted out that can be made by an outfielder is catching a fly ball. Outfielders are not permitted to chase or race base runners to the base.
- No fielder can be positioned closer to the batter than an imaginary line drawn across the face of the pitching rubber with said imaginary line extended to the foul lines.
- There is no infield fly rule in effect in Tee-Ball.
- No stealing or leading off base. Runners must maintain contact with the base until ball is hit.
- Big barrel bats will NOT be allowed in Tee-Ball. MUST SAY "TEE-BALL" ON THE BAT.