



**Youth T-Ball Rules
6U League
Revised 4/2017**

The following are modifications made within the City of Reynoldsburg Youth T-Ball League. All other rules will be governed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Baseball Rules. All players must be registered with a signed release form by his/her parent or guardian before being eligible to participate. **The City of Reynoldsburg Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to modify any rule as deemed necessary.**

General

- 1) Games are scheduled for one hour.
- 2) Teams should be prepared to start on time.
- 3) Since game time is limited, players should be coached to hustle on/off the field at change of inning.
- 4) Scores will not be kept.
- 5) A softie ball will be used for all games & practices. A "hard" baseball should never be used.
- 6) All coaches are responsible for calling fair/foul balls and outs.
- 7) Team on offense will designate a coach to aid in getting the ball on the tee for his/her players.
- 8) Team on defense will designate a coach to stand w/ their pitcher should a player choose to have a pitched baseball (vs. using a tee). Must stay in designated circle around the pitcher's mound and never touch a ball in play.
- 9) Two adult base coaches (1st and 3rd) are allowed as long as an adult coach is on the bench at all times.
- 10) If any of the rules are flagrantly violated, the opposing coach should contact the Recreation Superintendent for review.

Defense

- 11) All players must remain in their designated position until the ball is hit. The infield will consist of 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, C and the pitcher. The remaining players must reside in the outfield.
- 12) The catcher must wear a helmet with a face mask at all times and will remain near the backstop until the ball is put into play. After the ball is hit and in play, the catcher can stand in front of home plate to retrieve the ball from the fielder.
- 13) No player will ever pitch the baseball, but one player is to be positioned on the pitcher's mound to field baseballs hit in this direction.
- 14) Players are to be rotated from the infield to the outfield. Players should not play consecutive innings in the infield.
- 15) Players should be rotated as equally as possible to give them opportunities at all positions.
- 16) A defensive team can successfully make an unlimited number of outs. This is because all teams will bat their whole roster regardless of number of outs.

Offense

- 17) No swinging bats outside of the playing field – there is no on deck circle.
- 18) Batters must wear batting helmets with mask
- 19) Teams must use a t-ball bat (marked as such with a max length of 28", max barre; size of 2 ¼")
- 20) To avoid game delays, players should be ready to bat (helmet on, bat in hand) and hustle onto the field for their turn.

- 21) All players will bat each inning. No batter will bat twice in any one inning.
- 22) Therefore, the half inning will end once a team goes through its batting line up.
- 23) Number of outs will not be kept as all teams will bat entire roster every time up
- 24) If a player is out they must return to the bench area & should not remain on base
- 25) Players have the option to either hit off the Tee or take up to three pitches from a coach.
 - a. If the player hits or tips a foul ball, it is still considered one of the three pitches.
 - b. If the ball is not put into play after three pitches, the ball must be placed on the Tee.
- 26) If a ball is hit into the outfield, the runner can advance until the ball is secured in the infield. Secured means that any infield player has trapped and secured the ball. With this rule, a batter can achieve a double, triple, or even a home run!
- 27) No Bunting or intentional "easy" swing
- 28) No Stealing Bases (No leading off)
- 29) Balls hit less than ten feet will be considered a dead ball and another attempt will be made.
- 30) Runner may not advance on an overthrow
- 31) Last player up does not get an automatic home run. Played like the rest of the inning

Sportsmanship

- 32) Good sportsmanship is required. It is expected that all team personnel (coaches, assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and players) and spectators will conform to sportsmanlike behavior at all times.
- 33) Negative behavior & poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Those that fail to promote a healthy playing environment for the participants will be asked to leave the fields.
- 34) Disciplinary Actions may include any & all of the following depending on the situation:
 - i. Verbal Warning
 - ii. Written Warning
 - iii. Suspension from attending practices
 - iv. One (1) game suspension
 - v. Two (2) game suspension
 - vi. Removal from the league
 - vii. Forfeit of games
 - viii. Banned from league
 - ix. Banned from all Parks & Recreation Youth Sports Leagues/programs
- 35) Team Bench: Each team is permitted to have only 1 head coach, 1-3 assistant coaches and their players on the team bench. Both the 1 head coach and 1-3 assistant coaches on the bench must have a completed background check.
- 36) Ball Diamond Rules: Coaches are responsible for their teams and spectators whenever they are at the ball diamonds. Please discard any food/drink containers left after every game or practice. Please help us keep park property in good order.

The goal of our T-Ball League is to provide players with a fun & inclusive experience.