



# T-Ball League Rules



Summer 2026

## 1. Overview

- Teams will be co-ed in all youth divisions.
- ALL PLAYERS WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY. A continuous batting line up will be used.
- League standings and game scores will not be kept.
- Games will be played at Stauter Field located at 601 E. Abriendo Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004.
- All teams will receive a minimum of six games, inclement weather may alter the season. Make-up games can be played the next day which could include a weekend.
- No schedules will be changed, altered, or modified without each team receiving a written revision from the program coordinator.
- Playing field use is restricted for game use only. No person or participants are allowed in the playing area. The field will be cleared between games. (Example: no sliding into home plate between games.)
- Use of alcohol and tobacco by any adult associated with each team is strictly prohibited during practice or game times. Violation of this rule will result in the violator being ejected from the game or for repeated offenses, being suspended from coaching in this and any Pueblo Parks & Recreation youth sports division program. Please inform your parents that smoking is prohibited within the ballpark.
- The Youth Sports Department is committed to offering a positive recreation program to all children regardless of skill level. Any coach, player, or fan that is ejected from game or complex will serve an automatic one game suspension and will only be allowed to return with the consent of Pueblo Parks and Recreation.
- No rules will be changed, added, or modified for the 2026 season.

## 2. Rain/Weather Delays

- If weather conditions are threatening, teams are expected to check [www.teamsideline.com/pueblo](http://www.teamsideline.com/pueblo) for the status of games prior to game time to determine if the game will be played or if it is or canceled. This rule applies to all scheduled games. Rainouts may or may not be rescheduled. Site Supervisors will also do their best to communicate cancellations to coaches.
- If lightning is within 10 Miles of the playing field the game will be postponed 30 minutes for each strike. Staff member will be using a weather app to track lightning because even though it might not be visible it can still be around and be dangerous.
- During lightning delays, we ask that all players and coaches stay in the dugouts or head to their cars

## 3. Players

- Roster names and payments must match the actual players. Any players not officially registered for the team they are playing on will cause that team to forfeit. There will be a roster check before each game.
- Players can only play on one team. Both teams will forfeit all games the player has been involved with if teams are found to be using a player that is on multiple teams.
- Pueblo Parks and Recreation will form and have final say in all youth sports recreation teams. Pueblo Parks and Recreation reserve the right to assemble teams as we see fit.
- NO players will be allowed to play down in a division. Age will be determined by the day of the first game and that determines what division the player will play in.

## 4. Coaches

- All coaches, head, and assistants must have a valid coach ID that is shown to the field supervisor PRIOR to each game. Field staff will have a list of all approved coaches. Any coach that is not approved or does not have the proper ID will not be allowed to coach until the proper identification is presented.
- Only coaches that have completed the "**volunteer application**" and turned in all 2026 coaching paperwork through Pueblo Parks & Recreation and have been approved by the Pueblo Parks & Recreation may coach.  
**Assistant Coaches:** can only coach if they have been cleared through Pueblo Parks & Recreation and have completed the above requirements. Please plan ahead! It may take up to two weeks for approval.
- Coaches will be responsible for their spectators (parents) and their player's attitudes and behaviors during practice and games. Should attitudes and/or behaviors become unmanageable; the Site Supervisor will ask the spectators/players to leave the field. The Youth Sports Coordinator and/or Recreation Supervisor will be notified, and spectators/participants will not be allowed to return until a meeting has been held in the Parks & Recreation office.

- Any coach and/or parent displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be warned to cease this behavior. If this behavior continues, he/she will be ejected from the game and required to leave the game facility. Further unsportsmanlike behavior can result in a coach being suspended from coaching in this and any Pueblo Parks & Recreation Youth Sports Division program. Spectators and players are also expected to maintain sportsmanlike behavior and in extreme cases will be asked to leave the premises. Examples of unsportsmanlike behavior include profanity, protesting umpire's judgment calls, etc. Players, coaches and parents are expected to be role-models by supporting this focus on youth development.
- All coaches must hold a mandatory meeting with their parents to fully review these rules with special emphasis on expectations regarding parents' behavior as role models as well as the necessity of staying hydrated before, during, and after games.

### **COACHES EXPECTED BEHAVIOR**

All youth coaches are required to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. Being a role model for our youth is a task that should be thoughtfully considered. Therefore, it is paramount that the behavior and attitude of our coaches be scrutinized to promote a healthy and rewarding atmosphere for our youth.

### **Section 1.01 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Official(s) and/or PPRD staff at all recreation program sites have the authority to reprimand, eject, and/or suspend coaches for misconduct. An ejection of any type will result in a minimum of a 1-game suspension from any PPRD program and/or facility (the ejection game is not included in the suspension period); suspensions may carry over to the next season. If a coach is ejected on another occasion that coach may be suspended from all PPRD programs for a minimum of one year from the date of the second offense. If an individual coaches' multiple teams, the suspensions apply to all teams. All disciplinary actions administered by the official(s) and/or PPRD staffs are at their discretion.

### **POLICY ON DISPUTES**

All disputes will be handled by the Youth Sports Coordinator, and then followed by the Recreation Supervisor and final decision will be determined by the Director of Pueblo Parks and Recreation.

# 2026 T-BALL RULES

## Stauter Field

### 1. Games

- Third Base dugout will be **Home Team (Black)**. First Base Dugout will be for the **Visitors (White)**. Home/Visitors teams will be determined by the schedule.
- Provided Parks and Recreation Uniforms must be worn during game time.
- Games will consist of 4 innings or 50 minutes, whichever comes first. No inning will start after 45 minutes. Innings in progress will be played out, and the home team will their turn to bat.
- Score will NOT be kept.
- Outs will not be recorded or enforced in the 4–5-year-old league. Outs will not be recorded but **Will** be enforced in the 6-7- year-old league.
- Twelve (12) players will be allowed in the lineup. You may start the game with eight (8) players and add other players to the lineup when they arrive. All present team members must play.
- Lineups will be turned into homebase umpire fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- Teams must be ready to play at the scheduled game starting time. Begin and end your warm-ups accordingly. There will be a 10-minute grace period. If the other team does not show up and did not communicate with Youth Sports Coordinator the game will be a forfeit. The team that did show up at the scheduled time will be allowed to use field for a practice during game time. If a team does not have at least 8 players and the other coach is willing to share players, the game may continue.
- Every batter will bat every inning, and the batting order must remain the same each inning. The inning will end when the 12<sup>th</sup> batter has batted, or the last player in the lineup. The 12<sup>th</sup> batter (or last batter), or runner on base must be forced out by touching any base ahead of the batter or runner. A tag is not required.
- If a player is tagged or is forced out at the base the player will not be out and still will be able to stay on the base.
- There will be two coaches allowed on the field during defensive play and one coach will be allowed on the field during offensive play.
- Metal spikes will **NOT** be allowed.

### 2. Batting

- Base distance is 55 feet.
- Bunting is NOT allowed.
- Base stealing is NOT allowed.
- Players must always wear protective batting helmets while batting and base running.
- If the ball is in live territory, batter may run at their own risk or if batter is the 12th batter of the inning, they may take as many bases as they can at their own risk.
- One (1) base can be taken on an overthrow whether the ball is in fair territory or not.
- Play will be stopped when the ball is in the possession of the pitcher or when the pitcher is receiving an incoming ball. Players are free to advance at their own risk until that time. Once play has been stopped it will not begin again until the ball is hit by the batter.
- A player cannot bat twice in one (1) inning.
- Accidental hit of ball on warm-up swings:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense - no penalty
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - no penalty
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Coach will help the player swing.
- Swing and miss:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time - strike one
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> time - strike two
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> time – Coach will help the player swing.
- Foul Balls:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time - strike one
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time - strike two
- 3<sup>rd</sup> time - strike three
- 4<sup>th</sup> time – Coach will help the player swing.

- **Topped ball:** Ball must pass the five- foot arch on field. If the ball does not pass the arch, the ball will be placed back on the tee.

1<sup>st</sup> offense – strike one

2<sup>nd</sup> offense– strike two

3<sup>rd</sup> offense- Coach will help the player swing.

- **Throwing the bat:** 1<sup>st</sup> offense - warning  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense - batter is out.

### 3. Field

- All 12 players can play the field. You can have players at all infield and outfield positions, and the other players as rovers.
- The pitcher must stay in the 8-foot circle until the ball is hit.
- The catcher must always wear a helmet.
- Players re-entering the game can go to any position defensively but their position in the batting order never changes.
- Fielders can either tag the runner or the base. The out will not count, but players are **encouraged** to try.