

## 4-year-old T-Ball Rules

- 60 minutes or 2 innings whichever comes first. Should stop at 60 minutes even if all kids have not batted twice.
- Score is not kept.
- No umpires. Parents or coaches call out/safe, etc.
- Pitcher must wear helmet with face shield.
- Bat the entire lineup before clearing the bases. If 3 outs are made before team bats through entire lineup, clear bases and continue batting until all are finished.
- Pitcher must have both feet on the rubber before the coach calls PLAY BALL.
- Pitcher can kill the play at home or the rubber.
- Catcher can kill the play at home.
- Batter should not hit the ball until the coach says, "PLAY BALL". In MTB, this is an out so it's good to teach this to players.
- Batter gets 3 swings off the tee. If he fouls it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> swing, he is allowed to swing one more time. At this point, batter must hit the ball or be out, even if ball is fouled.
- Once play is killed, runner must return to previous base if he has not reached the next base. No exceptions.
- An out is not recorded if a player leaves the game for any reason. Simply skip to the next batter.
- Outfielders must be in the outfield grass before play begins.
- Infielders must be on the infield dirt before play begins.
- Up to 6 additional volunteers may be on the field to help instruct players, but they must have passed a background check and completed the abuse awareness program.