

## 2024 6U RBI Tee Ball Bulletin

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### LEAGUE OF OBJECTIVES:

- Develop basic baseball and Softball skills including fielding, base running, hitting and throwing for all participants.
- Foster a positive environment where sportsmanship and self-esteem building come first.
- **SCORE IS NOT KEPT** – Emphasize team play and skill development without focusing on winning or losing.
- Create a MPRB Kids Zone environment (see page 3)



### Players:

- 6U T-ball: Ages 5-6 or currently in grades K-1
- Boys and Girls
- Roster: Recommended 12 players per team
- Teams must have 5 players to play. Let's Play! If a team is short, share registered players.

### Weather/Cancellations:

- Weather / Field Condition Cancellations: MPRB staff will contact coaches via email at least 1 hour prior to game time. Coaches are responsible for notifying players. If you have questions, call the host site one hour before game time on weeknights or after gam on Saturdays.
- Coaches along with facility staff will be responsible for making weather related decisions during games.
- Lightning: Once lightning has been spotted or thunder has been heard, all MPRB athletic activities will be delayed for 15 minutes by the official, staff or coach on site. Games/practices may be re-started after 15 minutes after last lightning strike is seen and/or last rumble of thunder is heard. The official, staff, or coach will determine if a game will be cancelled.
- Rainout games are not rescheduled.
- Rainouts will be called at the game site at least 1 hour prior to game time, games will be called off if lightning sighted.

### Equipment:

- Players should wear appropriate shoes and clothing for the weather outside.
- Players should have their own labeled glove and water bottle.
- Bat Specification: The ball is softer than a standard baseball. All bats must be labeled T-ball.
- Ball Specification: The standard ball used for this league will be the IncrediBalls baseball.

**Tee Ball Playing Rules:**

1. Standings will not be kept.
2. Games will be 55 minutes.
3. One inning will consist of both teams batting through lineup. The last batter will be allowed to run the bases until either tagged out or a "force" play is made at home plate. The fielding team must remain on the field until a play is made.

**Batting Order Tip: Rotate the batting order every inning**

Allowing a different player to lead off every inning is a great way to keep players engaged on offense. Here is a sample rotation:

Inning	Lead-Off Batter	Last Batter
Inning 1	Batter #1	Batter #9
Inning 2	Batter #5	Batter #4
Inning 3	Batter #9	Batter #8
Inning 4	Batter #4	Batter #3

\*This is just one sample. Coaches feel free to come up with other rotations to keep players engaged.

**4. Participation/Substitution:**

- Players must play a minimum of (2) complete innings (6 outs) in the field
  - All players must play both infield and outfield positions during the game.
  - All players should play every position at some point during the season.
5. A player's turn at bat is completed when he/she hits the ball into fair territory (no batter may strike out). Coaches may help players having difficulty hitting the ball off the tee.
  6. Each child runs the bases, even if they make an out.
  7. If a ball is hit to the outfield the play will stop once outfielder gets the ball back into the infield. The runner can keep running to the base they were approaching.
  8. Coaches act as umpires while their team is on the field.
  9. Outs may be made but not recorded. Even if a player is out, they should still run the bases.
  10. Stealing or leading off the base will not be allowed. Runners may not leave the base until the ball is hit.

**Additional Notes:**

- All volunteers must be background checked.
- All coaches must be certified through their home park and shall comply with the rules and regulations as stated in the bulletin.



- The MPRB does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employee in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all MPRB services, programs and activities.
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# *You are joining the* **MPRB Kids Zone**

**By registering your child in MPRB Youth Athletic leagues you are joining the *MPRB Kids Zone* and agree to the following:**

- Kids are #1
- FUN is more important than winning
- Let the coaches do the coaching
- Fans cheer positively (no public displays of anger)
- Respect the officials
- Inappropriate language will not be tolerated
- Keep the facility & grounds clean
- All parks and schools are tobacco & alcohol free
- Be a positive role model

**Thank you for supporting MPRB athletics!**

**The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will provide all participating youth with a positive and safe environment. We welcome your ongoing support of our program.**