



Developmental Youth T-Ball League

Rules and Regulations

Equipment:

- Jerseys and hats will be given to the players to wear at games.
- All batters, base runners, and players on deck, **MUST** wear protective headgear. (provided)
- Players must supply their own gloves, baseball pants, and cleats; Tennis Shoes are also allowed.
- If a player would like to use their own bat it must be t-ball approved and remains the responsibility of the player.

Coaches and Managers:

- You **MUST** always set a good example of Good Sportsmanship for all players and spectators.
- Coaches will meet before the beginning of each season to go over ground rules and cover any questions.
- Injured players must be attended to immediately, if necessary accident report forms can be found at the concession stand and should be filled out immediately following the injury. You are supplied a First Aid Kit for minor injuries.
- Coaches are responsible for forwarding all practices, games, and events to the players in a timely manner.
- Remember to keep it simple, every coach should be more concerned with the players learning to play the game rather than who wins or loses.
- Always use **ENCOURAGEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM!**

Field:

- The base paths will be 45 feet in length and the pitchers mount will be 35 feet from home plate.
- A semi-circle (foul line) of 5 feet in radius will be laid out in front of home plate.



Length of Game:

- Regulation games will be 4 innings or 1 hour in length. (All innings started must be completed in full.) If the time limit is almost up **DO NOT** start another inning.
- Rain outs will be cancelled and rescheduled by the recreation coordinator and can be viewed on the
- website. (www.teamsideline.com/joplin)
- Players must show up to their scheduled game/field time (Unless called beforehand) and any cancellations may be done up to 15 minutes after the start time of the game.

Offensive Rules

- Three coaches may be used on offense; One to assist the batter and two for coaching the bases.
- Each Player is placed in a number sequence for the batting line up. Every player bats each inning, if a player cannot bat his or her turn, the batting order continues.
- Outs still count, but they are unlimited until the whole lineup has batted for that inning. If a player makes an out, they are counted as an out and must go back to their dugout. This continues until the team goes through their lineup one time. The last batter can run the bases until he/she touches home plate without getting tagged out.
- The ball must travel past the semi-circle for it to be a fair ball. No balls or strikes will be called and the game can be stopped at any time for instructional purposes.
- When the ball is hit into the outfield, the batter may run the base until the ball is returned to the infield dirt. The runner must stop at the base they are at. If he/she is advancing to the next base already, they may continue to the next base.
- If the batter throws the bat, they will be given two warnings. After that, they will be called out.
- The following is **NOT ALLOWED**: foul language, lead offs, stealing, sliding, pinch hitting, infield fly rules or protesting.



Defensive Rules

- Two coaches may be used to assist the defense. They are to be located behind the infield and in front of the outfield.
- Outfielders **MUST** throw the ball to the infield. They are not allowed to tag a base or a runner.
- The pitcher **MUST** remain in the circle that is drawn around the pitcher's mound until the ball is hit.
- Players will rotate each inning. Starting with the pitcher going to 1st, 1st going to 2nd, 2nd going to Short stop, Short stop going to 3rd, 3rd going to left field, and the outfielders will stay in the outfield rotating to right field and eventually, with the right fielder going to pitcher.
- The defensive team may get a batter out by catching a fly ball, tagging 1st base before the batter gets to 1st base, or the appropriate base the runner is going to.
- If the bases are loaded, there will be no play at home plate. An out cannot be made at home plate. Runners on base may be forced out or tagged out per regulation baseball rules.
- The following is **NOT ALLOWED**: foul language, baseline interference, running on any overthrows, double plays or protests.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

It is expected that players, coaches and spectators will represent their teams in a sportsmanlike manner and will in no respect abuse the opposing team, members of their own team, or spectators.

ANYONE DOING SO MAY BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THEMSELVES. Make a commitment to honor the game no matter what others may do.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ALL OUR CHILDREN GROW AND LEARN!!

HAVE FUN!!