

Division 2 – Kinder Tee: Rules & Guidelines

4 – 5 yrs (must be 4 by June 18)

Our League Goals:

- *To help players develop basic sports skills and positive social skills in a fun and safe manner.*
- *To have all the adults working together for the benefit of all the children.*
- *To build community spirit and friendships among local families.*

“All Adults Working Together for the Benefit of All the Children”



These safety rules apply to all divisions:



- Safety #1** Player’s parent or guardian must be present at all games & practices.
- Safety #2** Parents and coaches must teach bat safety rules at practice.
- Safety #3** Players must attend two full practices before participating in their first game.
- Safety #4** No children or adults may climb fences or backstops.
- Safety #5** If you hear thunder or see lightning, take shelter in your car or in a building.

Div. 2 Kinder Tee	4 - 5yrs (must be 4 by June 18)
Number of players on a team	8-9
Tee Ball	Everyone hits off the tee all season.
Age Appropriate Rules	No scores kept. No one is ever “out”. Baserunners stop advancing when pitcher has possession of the ball in the pitching circle. Inning ends when all players have hit.
Age Appropriate Equipment	Safety soft tee balls, official tee-ball bats
Parent provides	Glove & batting helmet are required.
League Provides	League t-shirt and baseball cap
Practice & Play	Tue. & Thurs. evenings June 18 – August 8
Volunteer Coaches	Application, screening & background check required.

No Rainouts We encourage a team activity and play at the park even if it’s wet outside. (exception: Coaches may choose to cancel; they must notify their players & the league office.)

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Additional safety rules for Kinder Tee

- Batting helmets required when hitting, base running, or on deck, during practices & games.
- No child plays the catcher position in Kinder Tee.
- No sliding. Children should be taught to avoid collisions.
- The coach positioned at home plate is responsible for moving the bat and tee out of the way before a runner crosses the plate.

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Batting

- Every player bats every inning.
- Batting team coach is stationed at the plate and sets the ball on the tee for the player.
- Batting team has a parent volunteer “base coach” at 1st, 2nd, 3rd base.
- After hitting the ball, player should safely drop the bat. They advance around bases until the ball is in possession of the pitcher in the pitching circle.
- Players may not be thrown or tagged out.
- Once the ball is in possession of the pitcher (in the pitching circle), base runners stop advancing.
- Inning ends when everyone has batted once.
- Coaches may mix up the batting order each inning if they’d like.

On Defense (in the field)

- All players are distributed in an arc on the infield +one player positioned as “pitcher” in the pitching circle.
- The coach is positioned in the infield to help direct the defensive players.
- No one in the outfield. No catcher.
- Defensive players should simply learn to scoop up the batted ball and throw it accurately overhand to their pitcher in the pitching circle. Players may not be thrown or tagged out.
- Parent helpers may also be on the infield but they may not touch the ball.
- Defensive players/parents may not stand in the path of the base runner.
- Defensive players/parents may not stand standing any closer to homeplate than the pitching circle.
- Inning ends when batting team has completed their line-up.

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Regulation Tee Ball, Bats, Safety Tee-Balls; Tee; Throw-down bases

40’ base paths / 10’ Foul Line arc/ 10’ pitch circle

40 minutes max. Do not start another half inning, even if home team didn’t get last at bats.

All games are listed on schedule as (Visitor v Home)

Home Team starts in field; Visitors start batting.

Visitors take 1st base side “dugout”; Home takes 3rd base side dugout.

Rain Outs: **No Rainouts** – We encourage participation & play at the park even if it’s wet outside (exception: Coaches may choose to cancel; they must notify their players & the league office.)