



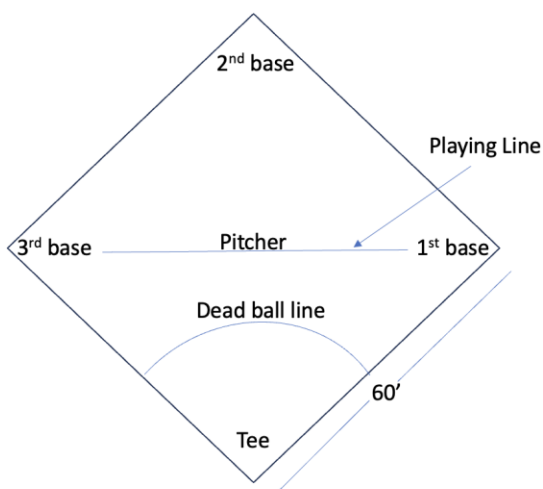
## T-Ball Summer Stars House League Rules

### OFFICIAL RULES

The playing rules for all scheduled games shall be the “Official Rules of Baseball”, except as detailed below.

### DIAMOND SETUP

Both teams will help each other to set up the diamond before every game.



### GENERAL GAME RULES

- Score will be kept.
- There are no strikeouts.
- All outs are force outs (tagging is not permitted).
- No forfeits.
- Coaches must make every effort to distribute the infield and outfield positioning as fairly as possible.
- Coaches in the field will call any outs other than at home (Plate Coach calls this).
- Each game consists of 3 innings.
- Curfew: Game ends 1.5 hours from the scheduled start time.

## FIELDING

- No player sits any inning. Positions must be filled in the following order:
  - Pitcher*
    - Must assume a set position with both feet on the playing line until the ball is hit.
  - Infielders*: 1st, 2nd and 3rd basemen and a shortstop
    - Must play in positions regularly played by these infielders.
    - Shall not cross the playing line until the ball is hit.
  - Outfielders*: Right, Center, Left
    - Play the outfield in the grass, behind the “inner outfielders”.
  - Inner Outfielders*: Inner Right, Inner Center, Inner Left
    - Play in the area behind the base path but still in the “dirt” of the infield.
- If a 12th fielder is present they may also play in the OF as a 4th outfielder.
- Defensive coaches may stand anywhere to assist their players when necessary.

## BATTING

- All players bat each inning regardless of outs.
- Teams should have an equal amount of batters each inning. If one team has more batters, then the team with fewer players shall bat the required amount of players a second time to equal the amount of batters on the other team. No player on a team may be a second batter until all players on the team have batted an equal amount (i.e. the same player(s) can not be extra batters each inning).

*Example of a team with 8 players playing against a team with 11 players*

First Inning Order	Second Inning Order	Third Inning Order
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-1-2-3	4-5-6-7-8-1-2-3-4-5-6	7-8-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-1

- A minimum of 8 batters will bat each inning. e.g. if each team only has 6 players, then the required amount of batters will bat twice to equal 8.
- Team at bat is to indicate “LAST BATTER” before the last batter of the inning.

## PLAYING RULES

- The ball must be hit past the Dead Ball Line (see diagram above) to be in play.
- Balls hit in the infield (IF) - runners advance one base.
- Balls hit into the outfield (OF) - runners advance as many bases as they are able until the ball is thrown to an infielder and held in the air. Runners advance to the base that they were heading towards.

- There are no outs if a runner overruns a base (in any scenario).
- Runners with last batter status are allowed to continue to score as are all players on base when the last batter has hit. To stop the play, the ball must be in possession of the pitcher on the plate before the runners cross home plate.

## **PLATE COACH**

- Each team must have a coach stationed at home plate during their batting half of the inning.
- To begin the game the plate coach calls "PLAY BALL".
- Is the only one that can call "TIME".
- Must adjust the height of the tee for each at bat as needed.
- Must remove the tee from home plate to prevent any interference with a play.
- Must make sure the fielders are all behind the Playing Line and the pitcher is in proper position before play is called for the next batter.
- Must call fair and foul balls.
- Must remind batters to not throw the bat.
- Must call "LAST BATTER".