



T-Ball Rules 2014

General Purpose

To inspire the youth of Daviess Co. regardless of race, creed or color to practice the highest ideals of sportsmanship and physical fitness. To bring our youth closer together through the means of a common interest through fellowship and athletic competition. To encourage adults to behave in an adult like manner when supervising youth. To keep the welfare of the youth foremost and free from any adult compulsion for power and glory. To instill in the youth of Daviess Co. morality and fellowship with their fellow teammates.

Time Limit

There will be a one hour and fifteen minute time limit. No new innings started after one hour and fifteen minutes, and will finish last inning started (weather permitting). Games may end in a tie. Wins or losses will not determine tournament seeding.

Officials

There will be one paid umpire for all Tee-Ball games. The umpire will place the ball on the tee for batter. The umpire will remove the tee from the plate after the ball is hit. If the umpire does not remove the tee from the plate, then the tee becomes part of the plate and the runner must tag the base of the tee.

Tournaments

Tee-ball Tournament will be a blind draw at the end of season, there will not be all-stars teams picked and will not be a west/east Tournament. Each player must be on the team roster for 50% of the scheduled games to be eligible for regular season tournament.

Innings

There will be three outs or five run rule, which ever comes first, per inning.

Throwing To Base

Tee-Ball is an instructional league, first and foremost, with the intent of teaching the game of baseball. In the spirit of such, it is important for defensive players to learn to *throw* the ball to base and other defensive players. A ball thrown to a base to make a play will be thrown to the defensive player. **There will be no bowling of the ball to a base (rolling to the base to make a play). If such a play is made, the runner will be given the base.** A ball *thrown* to the base may result in a bounce or roll, so long as a throw was attempted for the initial delivery.

Calling for time

Tee-Ball players must stop the lead runner and call for time (NOTE) all runners must then stop. If the runners are closer to the next base then he/she may advance to that base, if the base is occupied then the runner must go back to previous base. Calling of time consist of the defensive player with ball being between the lead runner and the next advancing base or the defensive player may throw the ball back inside the arc. The arc will be 20 feet from the back of home plate and from 1st base line to 3rd base line and from base line to fences.

Dead Ball

A dead ball is a ball that is hit to foul territory or a ball that is hit off the tee and does not completely pass the arc, a ball on the arc line is still a dead ball (umpire discretion call). A batted ball must pass the arc to be a live/playable ball. No defensive player can enter the arc to retrieve a ball for play. If a defensive player does enter arc to retrieve a dead ball for play, then the batter will be awarded 1st base automatically, other runners advance if a force advance. Also a dead ball will be a ball thrown to either 1st or 3rd base by the defensive player in order to make a play, a ball thrown to foul territory at 1st or 3rd to make a play will stop the lead runner and all other runners.

Infield Positions

There will be hash marks at 41 feet on the 1st and 3rd base lines these hash marks are there as a safety measure for the infield players; all players should stay behind these marks until the ball is hit.

Coaching Requirements

All Tee-Ball coaches and assistant coaches will be required to attend 1 of 2 classes in order to coach a Tee-Ball team. If a coach does not attend one of these classes, then that person will not be allowed to coach.

Dugouts

Coaches and team parent only allowed in dugouts. Players must stay in dugouts unless coach or team parent knows the player is leaving the dugout.

Banning of Coaches and Spectators

Coaches or spectators thrown out of a ball game will face possible disciplinary action, up to and including banning from West Daviess County Playgrounds and Moreland Park for the rest of the season. This will be determined by the ODC Cal Ripken board, subject to approval by the Daviess County Parks Department.

Tee-ball Batting Order

All players on roster will bat in order and play a defensive position on the field with a maximum team roster of 14 players per team. If a player does not get to bat in a game due to # of outs in 4 innings(12 outs/12 batters) or time limit, then that player must be placed at the top of the batting lineup in the next game.

Batting out of order

A batter will be called out when failing to bat in proper order and another batter completes a time at bat in place of the proper batter, The appeal must be made immediately and, if upheld the illegal batter will be called out and advances made by base runners or scores will be nullified. This must be done before the next batter swings at a ball placed on the tee.

Courtesy Runner

A courtesy runner may be used for a sick or injured player. (NOTE) A courtesy runner must be at least 4 batters behind the current batter at bat. (NOTE) Sickness or injury must occur during the course of the game.

Thrown Bat

A bat that is thrown or slung with force during the act of batting or after contact with the ball that travels a distance that by the umpire's judgment may be unsafe will result in a dead ball, no runner advancement. First offense, the batter gets a warning (one per batter). Second offense, the batter is out.

Game rain out

If a game is called because of weather prior to the start time, then the game will be rescheduled. If the game begins and the game is rained out at any point during the game then the game will not be rescheduled. If reschedule is indicated, it will be played within 14 days of the date of the rain out game. Rescheduling of the game will be done by the home team playground president at the time of the rain out cancellation. (If the playground president is unavailable or weather is severe enough to not allow for rescheduling at that time, then the playground president will contact the visiting team coach within 24 hours to reschedule the game.) The make up game must be rescheduled at the time of the rain out or within the following 24 hours. The playground president will provide two possible dates. If the rain out game is rained out, then the next available field date will be the next make up opportunity. If unable to play at this time, then the game will be cancelled.

Official Game Record

After each game the head coach from each team will fill out an official game record at the concession stand at the playground in which the game was played.

Official Game Time

The home team scorekeeper will be responsible for the official game time, the umpire, and head coaches of both will agree to this (NOTE) this must be written on the official game record.

Protest Rule

Protests will be allowed for rule infractions only and must be declared before the next ball is hit. A protest must be reported to the league representative within 24 hours. Protest fee will be \$100.00 CASH, which goes to the (HOME) Playground. A judgment call by the umpire cannot be protested.

Tee-Ball Eligibility

Players must be 4 years of age by May 1st and cannot be 7 years age by May 1st in order to play Tee-Ball.

Conduct of Players

All players will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner; failure to do so the first time will be ejection from the game, the second time will be removal from the team.

Batting Helmets

All players shall wear a batting helmet with a face guard/cage and a chin strap when at bat, in the on deck circle and when running bases.

Shoes

Players or coaches shall not wear shoes with metal cleats or spikes. Baseball cleats shall be rubber cleats for safety.

Baseball Bats

Can be either wood or aluminum bats but must not exceed more than 2 ¼ inch in diameter of barrel or 29 inches in length. No softball bats, babe ruth bats or big barrel bats can be used. Must be labeled tee ball or little league.

Obstructing Base Line

A defensive player should not stand or obstruct the base line; the umpire and coaches will instruct the players to avoid this from happening.

Tee Ball Team Selection

Returning players will be placed on the team they were with the prior season new players will be placed on a team by the playground board by age and gender.

Five run rule

There will be a 5 run rule for Tee-Ball games.

Slide Rule

Players are encouraged to slide at 2nd, 3rd and home plate if there is a play, this is a safety measure and no outs will be incurred.

Returning players

Once a player has been placed on a team that player must remain on that team until the player moves up to a higher division.

Conduct of Coaches and Parents

TEE-BALL Representative, League President or Playground President has the Authority to **CLEAR THE STANDS** and send all parents and spectators to their cars.

Coaches Positions

There will be 3 offensive coaches allowed on the field, one coach at 1st base coach box, one coach at 3rd base coach box and a pitching coach at a 30ft hash mark from the back of home plate home. (umpire will place the ball on the tee). There will be one defensive coach allowed on the field in a defensive coach box (located between pitchers mound and 2nd base, same dimensions as a batters box). **No other coaches (either offensive or defensive) are allowed on the field during live game play. If defensive coach is out of dugout on field, then all runners will advance one base. If offensive coach(in excess of the 3 allowed on the field) is on the field, then the current batter will be out.**(NOTE) No coach will be allowed to touch the runners or the ball, if so the runner will be out and all other runners will return to there previous base. (NOTE) This rule does not apply when time has been called.

Pitching Coach

The pitching coach will deliver 3 pitches to the batter (**the pitching coach will throw overhand to the batter**). If batter does not hit ball in 3 pitches, then the tee will be placed on the plate for the batter to hit from (batter will hit off of tee until the ball is put into play). **The umpire will place the ball on the tee.** The pitching coach must go to the fence while the batter hits off the tee and stay by the fence out of the way so as not to interfere with any live play. The pitching coach can instruct the batter while pitching the 3 pitches but can not instruct the batter/runner once the ball is hit. The pitching coach can not instruct the batter while hitting off the tee. The pitching coach must return to the pitching box in a timely manner after the play has ended (umpire discretion). If coach violates this time return rule (delaying the game) then the penalty shall be 1 out on the scoreboard for the batting team. If there is no approved coach to pitch for a given game, then that team will hit off of the tee for that game. **There will be no positioning coach.**

Rules Approval

These rules where voted on by the six west county playground presidents and the ODC Cal Ripken board April 09,2014.