

# TEE-BALL RULES 2018

## West Daviess County



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# GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

## 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 the 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.

## GENERAL RULES

**Rule #1** Once a player has been drafted or picked as a coach's option that player MUST remain on that team until the player moves up to a higher division. An exception to this rule is a returning player who signs up after the draft, will go back into the pool to be placed on the team with the least # of players. NOTE: Only the head coach has a pick as a coach option, there are no coach options for the assistant coaches.

**Rule #2** Team roster size may not exceed 12 players or fall less than 8 players for league play (except for special consideration and permission by the WDC Cal Ripken board which may allow a maximum roster of 14 players). A team with less than 8 players shall forfeit that game. Team can play with 8 players. Ninth batter is an out unless it is the third out. If additional players arrive, they will go to the bottom of the batting line up.

**Rule #3** The order of the draft will be determined by the number of players returning to each team with the team with the fewest returning players having the first pick. The team with the next fewest returning players have the second pick, etc. In the case of a newly formed team, that team will be considered to have the least numbers of players and will receive the first draft pick.

**Rule #4** Siblings of players already on the team must be exercised by the third round of the draft. (Note) If two or more siblings are in the draft together, they both must be taken at the same time. The other teams will then catch up on the next round in the draft.

**Rule #5** Each team will receive one draft choice on the first and second rounds of the draft. Commencing with the third round, the team with the least number of returning players will draft players until the number of its players become even with the number of players on the team with the next fewest returning players. If there are more than two teams participating in the draft, these two teams will then alternate picks until both become even with the number of players. Draft choices will alternate from team to team until each team reaches maximum roster size.

## EXAMPLE

- Team 1 has 10 returning players
- Team 2 has 8 returning players
- Team 2 gets 1<sup>st</sup> pick = 9 players
- Team 1 gets 1<sup>st</sup> pick = 11 players
- Team 2 gets 2<sup>nd</sup> pick = 10 players
- Team 1 gets 2<sup>nd</sup> pick = 12 players

At this time, team 2 gets the next 2 picks. Team 1 must wait to pick again until team 2 catches up with 12 players. The team will then alternate on a ratio of one to one until all players are chosen or roster size reaches 12 players.

## Newly Formed Teams

All players that played the previous season will remain on that team. Provided they sign up on one of the two parks department advertised dates for registration, if that team is not at full roster.

Newly formed teams will be made up with the player in the draft.

## Ages

Ages for WDC Cal Ripken Baseball are as follows:

- Tee-Ball 3 & 4 yr. old
- Peanut 5 & 6 yr. old
- Rookie 7 & 8 yr. old
- Minor 9 & 10 yr. old
- Major 11 & 12 yr. old

ALL ages as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

## Games called due to Weather

Games called because of the weather will be played on the next two open opportunities where field is available and both teams are not scheduled for other games. Rescheduling of the game will be done by the home team playground president at the time of the rainout cancellation. (If the playground president is unavailable or weather is severe enough to not allow for scheduling at that times, then the playground president will contact the visiting coach within 48 hours to reschedule the game.) The make-up game must be rescheduled at the time of the rain out or within the following 48 hours. If the first rain make-up is rained out, then the next available open field date will be the next make up opportunity. If either team does not agree with the date/time, a forfeit will be incurred.

## Forfeit

A forfeit will be decided by the WDC Cal Ripken Board Member and not the coaches. There must be a legitimate reason for not being able to play the proposed make-up dates.

## **Game Rain Out**

If a game is called due to weather after 3 ½ complete innings and the home team is ahead by 1 or more runs or the visiting team is ahead by 6 or more runs, then it will be considered a complete game. If the game is called before the end of 3 ½ innings, the game must be rescheduled using guidelines listed in “Games called due to Weather”.

## **Resuming a Rained-out Game**

Games must resume from the point at which the game ended due to the rain out (Innings, Outs, Runs and Batting Count). Should a player that was on base or batting in the original game be absent from the make-up game, then the batting order and players on base will move up a position. Any player absent from original game roster will be considered an out. If there was a substitute in the original game that has not played any innings, he/she must then play his/her required two innings in the make-up game and cannot be taken out of the game until the mandatory play rule is satisfied. Any player who has played a total of two innings in the original game and/or the make-up game can be subbed at any time after satisfying the mandatory play rule.

## **All Games over at 9:30 pm(School Nights)**

All games will be called at 9:30 pm on school nights. The game will be considered as a Game Rain Out at that time and game will fall under the game rain out rule. (Innings, Outs and Runs).

## **Missing Practice**

If a player continuously misses practice for reasons other than school, church functions or family related misfortunes, the coach of the player can ask the WDC Cal Ripken Board to wave the players play rule. This will apply to discipline problems with the player.

# **WDC Tee-Ball League Rules**

## **(Instructional Play)**

**Tee-Ball is an instructional league, first and foremost, with the intent of teaching the game of baseball.**

### **Time Limit**

**ALL games will end on time limits, on back to back games when fall on School nights. NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
There will be a 1 hour time limit for all games unless the game is delayed by bad weather.

### **Officials**

No Umpire will be used for Tee-Ball play.

### **Scoring of Tee-Ball**

There will not be any scoring for Tee-ball.

### **Chatting**

Fielders may chat during the game but must not shout **SWING** at any time. Catchers may only talk to umpires, fellow teammates, and coaches. No catcalls to the pitcher from the dugout.

### **T-Ball Game Balls**

Home playground will supply (3) balls at the concession stand; the home team coach will have the responsibility of returning the balls at the end of the game. (Note) Game balls will be replaced as needed by the playground.

### **Throwing to Base**

It is important for defensive players to learn to throw the ball to the base and other defensive players. There will be no bowling of the ball to a base (rolling to the base to make a play.) If such is made, the runner will give 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.

### **Pitching Coach**

**A coach will place the ball on the tee.** The pitching coach can instruct/position the batter as needed for them to hit the ball off the tee.

### **Calling for Time**

Tee-Ball League: Ball is hit into the outfield, outfielder must throw ball into infield. Infielder must pick up ball and raise hands in air and call time. If ball is thrown back to outfield, runners can only advance one base. A ball thrown to home plate and enters into the arc will stop the runners from advancing.

# WDC Tee-Ball League Rules (Deviations from Cal Ripken 2018 Rulebook)

WDC board has approved the following changes from Cal Ripken Rulebook to further assist players to advance to next level.

## Coaches Field Positions

With instructional play, all coaches and assistant coaches can be on field to instruct the players.

Cal Ripken Rule(Suggested Cal Ripken Baseball – Tball Rules and Regulations/2-C/Page 16):  
*A coach may be stationed beyond infielders in order to provide instruction to all defensive players.*

## Base Distance/ Field Set Up

Tee-Ball: Bases will be set at (60) feet

Arc at home plate will be 20 feet from the back of home plate and from 1<sup>st</sup> base line to 3<sup>rd</sup> base line and from base line to fences.

The Infield positions will have hash marks at 41 feet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Cal Ripken Rule(Suggested Cal Ripken Baseball – Tball Rules and Regulations/1-G/Page 16):  
*When the ball is hit it must go at least 25 feet, which is shown by an arc drawn from foul line to foul line.*

## Batting Order

All Tee-Ball players will bat in an inning. Each player must bat in the appropriate order.

Cal Ripken Rule(Suggested Cal Ripken Baseball – Tball Rules and Regulations/1-E/Page 16):  
*An inning is over when nine players have batted or three outs are made, whichever occurs first.*

## Play Rule/Substitutions

All Tee-Ball players will play on the field.

Cal Ripken Rule(Suggested Cal Ripken Baseball – Tball Rules and Regulations/2-A/Page 16):  
*Nine players are on the field at any time, including catcher.*

## Rule Changes

All rules must be approved by **WDC Board**

### WDC Cal Ripken History

The Four West Daviess County Playgrounds, Burns, Sorgho, Southern Oaks, and Stanley have been Cal Ripken Sanctioned since a unanimous vote on March 26, 2009.

**These Rules were modified, reviewed, and updated by the WDC BOARD November 20, 2018.**