



PORT WASHINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

T-BALL DIVISION RULES

Grades 4K & K5

GENERAL RULES

- All Players must play in every game.
- Maximum of 10 players in the field. Players rotate positions each inning. Coaches will systematically rotate players so everyone has an equal chance at each position during the season.
- Bases shall be 36 feet (12 paces) apart. The pitcher will be 24 feet (8 paces) from home plate.
- All coaches and parents are welcome to attend a one-hour coaches' clinic pre-season to share training ideas and discuss ideas to keep a good pace of play during all games.

FIELDING

- Maximum of 10 players in the field. Players rotate positions each inning. Coaches will systematically rotate players so everyone has an equal chance at each position during the season.
- Coaches may stand with their players in the field. (maximum 2 coaches)

BATTING

- Every player will bat each inning. Batting order will rotate each game, so all players get to both lead-off and be the last one in the lineup during the season. Last batter in the line-up each inning will get to circle the bases unless forced out.
- For safety, players can only swing the bat in the batter's box. There is no on-deck area.
- Batters may hit off the tee or hit a soft toss/flip. First year t-ballers and players under 5 years old who want to try to hit flips will need to demonstrate readiness before game time.
- Tee: if a batter doesn't hit the ball off the tee after three swings, the coach assists the batter to get a hit. No player will strike out.
- Flip: Coaches will flip to their own team's players by kneeling near the batter's box opposite the batter. Only 3 flips within the strike zone are allowed. If still no hit, the batter will get two tries to hit off the tee. If not successful, the coach will help the player get a hit. No player will strike out.
- During any one at-bat, a second foul ball or second dribbler is played

Length of Play

- Games will be a Max of 50 minutes. To keep this length of play, coaches will abide by the 3 try off the Tee and then work with the player to swing the bat and hit the ball off the Tee.