



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA OF GREATER TULSA 3 & 4 T-BALL RULES

A 9" T-ball will be the official game ball.

I. The Field

- A. Field size is 50 feet between bases, 35 feet from home plate to the pitcher's circle
- B. A 10-foot arc will be drawn from foul line to foul line in front of home plate. A hit ball must go past this area in order to be considered "in play".
- C. A pitcher's circle is drawn around a 5-foot radius around the pitcher's plate. All players must be behind the pitcher's circle before the ball is hit
- D. Extra players on the field will be spread out in the infield.

II. General Rules of Play

- A. A game will consist of 3 innings or ^{45 min} ~~1 hour~~, whichever comes first.
- B. No inning shall start 10 minutes prior to the end of game time.
- C. No one is called "out" and every batter gets to run the bases.
- D. There is a 15-minute forfeit period from the scheduled game time. After 15 minutes, the team who is present will have the option to utilize the field space for a team practice or scrimmage.
- E. All players on the roster will bat, regardless if whether he or she plays defense that inning.

III. Batting

- A. Each batter is allowed 2 practice swings prior to the umpire placing the ball on the tee.
- B. A batter will receive 4 attempts to put the ball in play. Coaches are permitted to help batters who are having difficult making contact with the ball.
- C. If after 4 attempts the batter has not struck the ball, the batter will advance to 1st base.
- D. A batted ball will be considered "foul" and the batter will be given another chance to hit if:
 - 1. it does not travel past the 10-foot arc in front of home plate.
 - 2. it travels outside the 1st- and 3rd-base foul lines.
 - 3. the bat makes contact with the tee and not the ball
 - 4. the ball makes contact with home plate before entering the field

IV. Base-running

- A. Players are not permitted to steal or lead off bases
- B. There is not an infield fly rule in effect.
- C. Base runners may advance only through a batted ball.
- D. On an infield hit, every runner advances one base.
- E. The official will announce the last batter and everyone will advance to home on the final batted ball.

V. Playing the Tee

- A. The tee is also considered home plate.
- B. The coach or umpire will place the ball on the tee. Once the umpire is ready, the batter may attempt to contact the ball.

VI. Coaches

- A. A ball that contacts a coach in play is ruled as a live ball.
- B. Coaches and parents are encouraged to stay active on the field during the game; however, coaches and parents are discouraged from making contact with the ball.

VII. Spectators

- A. Appropriate conduct is expected from all spectators at YMCA events.
- B. Smoking is not permitted at YMCA events
- C. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Players Pledge at the beginning of each game and in the handshake lines at the end of each game.



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YMCA OF GREATER TULSA 5 & 6 T-BALL RULES

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I. The Field

- A. Field size is 50 feet between bases, 35 feet from home plate to the pitcher's circle
- B. A 10-foot arc will be drawn from foul line to foul line in front of home plate. A hit ball must go past this area in order to be considered "in play".
- C. A pitcher's circle is drawn around a 5-foot radius around the pitcher's plate. All players must be behind the pitcher's circle before the ball is hit

II. General Rules of Play

45 min

- A. A game will consist of 3 innings or ~~45 min~~, whichever comes first.
- B. No inning shall start 10 minutes prior to the end of game time.
- C. A batter is called out and returns to the team's dugout if:
 - C. the ball is caught in the air before hitting the ground
 - D. a player with the ball touches the appropriate base before the base runner
 - E. player with the ball tags a base runner while off the base before "time" is called
- D. There is a 15-minute forfeit period from the scheduled game time. After 15 minutes, the team who is present will have the option to utilize the field space for a team practice or scrimmage.
- E. All players on the roster will bat each inning, regardless if whether he or she plays defense that inning or number of outs.
- F. 10 defensive players are allowed on the field and arranged at the various defensive positions plus an outfield rover.

III. Batting

- A. Each batter is allowed 2 practice swings prior to the umpire placing the ball on the tee.
- B. A batter will receive 4 attempts to put the ball in play. Coaches are permitted to help batters who are having difficult making contact with the ball. There will be no strike outs called.
- C. A batted ball will be considered "foul" if:
 - 1. it does not travel past the 10-foot arc in front of home plate.
 - 2. it travels outside the 1st- and 3rd-base foul lines.
 - 3. the bat makes contact with the tee and not the ball
 - 4. the ball makes contact with home plate before entering the field

IV. Base-running

- A. Players are not permitted to steal or lead off bases
- B. There is not an infield fly rule in effect.
- C. Base runners may advance one base on an overthrow.
- D. On an infield hit, every runner advances one base. On a hit that travels beyond the infield base lines, runners may continue to advance until the ball has been returned to the infield. Once the ball has reentered the infield, the umpire will call "time".

V. Playing the Tee

- A. The tee is also considered home plate.
- B. The coach or umpire will place the ball on the tee. Once the umpire is ready, the batter may attempt to contact the ball.

VI. Coaches

- A. No coaches on the field during play are allowed to touch a batted ball.
- B. The offensive team is encouraged to have a base running coach at 1st and 3rd.
- C. The defensive team is allowed one coach on the field during play.
- D. Parents are encouraged to stay active on the sidelines during the game.

VII. Spectators

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