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# T-BALL DIVISION RULES

#### 1. Games

\* Games are 3 innings long with a Coaches' option for 4 innings.

#### 2. Bases

\*The bases are 40 feet apart.

#### 3. End of Turn at Bat

- \* A team's turn at bat ends after all of its players have batted once.
- \* No scores are kept.
- \* Outs are not recorded.
- \* Throw ball to first base.
- \* Base runners must stay on with/without making an out.
- \* Last batter clears the bases.

### 4. Hitting

- \* No strikeouts.
- \* Players hit from a batting tee.
- \* After the first few weeks of the season, or a minimum of three games, coaches may pitch to those batters ready to face "live pitching." Depending upon the players' ability and confidence, this can be underhand or overhand. If a ball is not hit after 9 max pitches, including foul balls, then the tee must be used to finish that particular at bat.

- \* Coaches decision fair/ foul.
- \* Must wear helmet.
- \* Rotate batting order every game.
- \* Every player bats each inning.
- \* No bunting.

#### 5. Fielding

- \* Rotate fielding positions each inning.
- \* Coaches are on the field to provide instruction throughout the game, including during plays, but they should not handle batted or thrown balls.
- \* Everyone plays the field.
- \*Nobody sits out.
- \* The four infield positions and the pitcher's "fielding" position remain intact, there are no catchers, and all other players play in the edge of outfield (outfielders must play far enough behind the infielders to be "fair" to the hitter, as well as to give infielders room to learn how to play their positions).

### 6. Base Running

- \* Players may only advance one base, even on balls hit to the outfield.
- \* Any runner who is out on the base paths will stay on the base with/ without making an out.
- \* Last batter clears the bases.
- \* No stealing or leading.

## 7. Catching

\* Coaches catch but a player with appropriate skills may catch at First Base.

#### 8. Parent Rules

- \* One parent at all games or practices. If parent can't make it, they must appoint a guardian for the time missed and inform the coach. If parents do not follow this rule, your child may be suspended by the league.
- \* No parent on field that is not Rutgers Safety Certified.
- \* Most of all. have fun!