

“T-Ball” – 5 & 6 YR OLD Recreational League Rules and Regulation

1. League will abide by official Cal Ripken rules and/or the following house rules. (Excluding Pony League which will be playing Babe Ruth rules.)
2. Parents of players will need to provide gray ball pants in order to participate in the North Vernon Parks and Recreation (N.V.PR) Youth Baseball program
3. T-Ball – There will be no umpires for all T-ball games.
4. Coaches may exchange lineups.
5. It is up to the T-ball coaches to decide if they want to make up rain-outs. Please notify the parks office for field availability. Shoes with metal spikes or metal cleats are prohibited.
6. No infield unless time permits and diamond is dry and firm.
7. Home team will reside in the 1st base dugout.
8. Changes in the schedule must be approved by the league director.
9. Only Adults may coach bases. Coaches must remain in coach’s box on offense. No smoking, chewing tobacco, cursing, or obscene gestures on playing field, in the dugout or within the quadplex. Penalty ejection from game.
10. Coaches may play behind the outfielders on defense and two adults can be in dug-out.
11. T5 –T-ball Each batter hits off tee in first inning with the option in the 2nd & 3rd inning to use the tee or be coach pitched too. No more than 4 pitches may be pitched to anyone batter at bat. After 4th pitch they get two swings at the tee. If ball is not hit into fair territory batter is out.
12. T6 –T-ball all batters are coach pitched too. No more than five pitches may be pitched to anyone batter at bat. After 5th pitch they get two swings at the tee. If ball is not hit into fair territory batter is out.
13. In T-Ball League, the coach/pitcher must stand on the rubber/line at 25 feet when the pitch is thrown to the batter.
14. All players will play defense. Outfielders must be evenly spaced, at least 15ft behind the infielders.
15. In T-Ball, when the ball is hit to the outfield/infield, the play is made on a runner and there is an overthrow, runners may try for next base, if the ball is an overthrow the second time ball is dead. (Runners advance at their own risk.)
16. Each participant will be required to be properly uniformed: hat, shirt and pants
17. Please hustle on and off the field.
18. No head first slides, except when returning to a base.
19. Coaches are responsible for players wearing helmets while on deck, batting, and on the base path. Any players taking their helmet off while on the base path shall be warned 1st time then called out the next time(s).
20. All games are to start promptly according to the schedule or 10 minutes after the completion of prior game.
21. There is an 75 minute time limit. 3 innings. Coaches bat entire lineup. After last batter teams change from offense to defense. After every inning of batting coaches need to flip lineup. (Example: Last batter first and first batter bats last.)
22. Rain out games- It is the decision of the Commissioner & Director to cancel games. Rain out information will be available on the answer machine at 346-9371, should be available after 4:00pm
23. Runners must remain on base until the ball is hit.
24. A batter is automatically out, after a warning, for throwing a bat/helmet, etc.
25. Batter running to first base must hit the orange base in foul territory. The defensive player stands on white base in fare territory
26. Altered equipment is not allowed –only official Cal Ripken equipment. Maximum length of bat-29”, maximum diameter-2 ¼”. One warning per team and then the batter is called out.
27. Coaches are responsible for helpers, players and fan conduct. Penalty will be a forfeit. Teams may have three coaches and one volunteer.

28. If the misconduct of a coach is not taken care of by the umpire(s), the Commissioner will suspend said coach for one (1) game. A second offense by said coach, will draw a suspension for the remainder of the season. This coach will have to appear before the Advisory Board and Park Director for reinstatement for the following season
29. Teams will not practice and/or play more than three times a week.
30. A coach has the right to bench a player for unsportsmanlike conduct, without consequences to the team. If a player is being discipline or is hurt the official scorekeeper, umpire, and opposing coach must be notified prior to the start of the game as to which player it is and the reason.
31. No jewelry is to be worn during practices or games