



JACKSON BASEBALL LEAGUE

T-Ball Rules

1. **Games** are scheduled for 90 minutes.
2. **NO Forfeits** in this age division. If one team doesn't have enough players, then loan to opposite team.
3. **Field** will be prepared by the Park Department will place bases and chalk the field, Home team is responsible if any other field preparation is needed. Keeping score is not required.
4. **Batting order**, each team shall bat half plus + one of their roster each inning so the same player is not leading off and ending every other inning. Please rotate your batting order each game so a different player has the opportunity to lead off each game. Each half inning will end once the batting team has batted half + one of their roster. Coaches have the option of pitching on a knee to a player 4 pitches, then use batting tee or start with batting tee. Play the first ball hit into fair territory.
5. **Coaches** will serve as umpires during games. First and third offensive coaches will umpire their respective bases and pitching coach will umpire second base. The defensive team should have a coach positioned behind home plate and they will umpire home plate and move the tee in and out of play.
6. **Teams** shall use ALL players in the field. You can have two catchers, one on each side of the plate. No more than 7 infielders, rest of players in outfield. Coaches may spread players so they can have an opportunity to make a play on the ball.
7. **Players** are recommended to play an infield position at least every other inning. Infield positions are: catcher, first, second, short stop or third base.
8. **Safety helmets** are required on batters, base runners and catchers. Teach safety!
9. The **batting tee** will be placed on home plate. A 10 ft chalk semi-circle will be placed around home plate. A hit must go past the semi-circle in front of home plate to be a fair ball. Batted Balls that remain in the semi-circle will be considered a foul ball.
10. **Runners** are not permitted to advance on over throw.
11. **Base stealing, leadoffs or bunting** are not permitted.
12. **Infield base players** shall not play any closer than just inside the base line. Catcher should play off to the sides of home plate near the backstop.

Remember, the most important thing is for these kids to have fun while learning to play and love the game of baseball.