

OK KIDS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

T-Ball Rules

1. **Age Limit:** Boys and girls that were four (4), five (5) and six (6) years old as of January 1, 2018. A player must have been four (4) by January 1, 2018 and could not have been seven (7) before January 1, 2018. In 2018, boys and girls will play on the same team. In future years, OK Kids will consider creating a boys division and a girls division for T-ball.
2. **Base Distance:** 60 Feet
3. **Pitching Distance:** 42 Feet
4. **Ball Size:** USA Baseball approved T-ball.
5. **Fair Ball Arc:** There shall be a fifteen (15) foot arc, measured from the back of home plate, drawn from the 1st baseline to the 3rd baseline in front of home plate. A batted ball must touch this line or go past it to be considered a fair ball. If the ball is touched before reaching this line it is a foul ball.
6. **Defensive Safety Line:** A line shall exist, whether marked on the field or not marked, that begins 10 feet in front of first base on the foul line, then extends to the pitching rubber and from the pitching rubber to 10 feet in front of third base on the foul line. Infielders must stay behind this line until the ball is hit.
7. **T-ball Pitcher:** The pitcher must stand on the pitching rubber until the ball is hit. The pitcher cannot leave the rubber until the batter has contacted the ball with the bat. **PENALTY:** If the ball is contacted fair, the batter is awarded first base and all base runners will be awarded one base OR the result of the play. The head coach of the batting team will select which of the two possible penalties to be enforced.
8. **Number of Players:** A team must have a minimum of ten (10) players to start the game or forfeit the game. There is free substitution on defense.

9. **Batters:** All players present when the game starts will bat in a batting order determined before the game by the head coach. Any players arriving late will be added to the bottom of the order. The batting order cannot change during a game. If a batter is unable to bat for any reason (for example: injury, illness, left the game), then the batting team must take an automatic out every time that batter is unable to bat. If a player is unable to bat, but then later in the game is able to bat, the player may bat and the team is not required to take an automatic out.
10. **Number of swings:** A batter shall receive a maximum of three (3) swings to put the ball in play or be called out. No additional swings shall be awarded on foul balls. If the bat strikes the tee, that is considered a swing but the ball is dead.
11. **Bunts:** Bunting is not allowed.
12. **Base Running:** A base runner must have one foot on base once the ball is alive and cannot leave the base until the batter has contacted the ball with the bat. PENALTY: The runner shall be called out.
13. **Stopping play:** The lead runner has stopped advancing at the discretion of the umpire. When a runner stands off a base and “jukes” or “feints” back and forth, this is to be interpreted as “not attempting to advance” and “Time” shall be called.
14. **Base Runners:** If a base runner has not passed a line one-half (1/2) the distance between the bases, including between third base and home plate, when play is stopped the runner must return to the previous base.
15. **Fielder Positions:** There are ten (10) fielder positions, P, C, 1b, 2b, 3b, SS and four (4) OF. All four (4) outfielders must stand behind the baselines.
16. **Overthrows:** The batter and/or base runners can advance only one base, at the risk of being put out, on an overthrow to first base that goes into foul territory. The batter and/or base runners can advance, at the risk of being put out, on any other overthrow.
17. **Intentional Walks:** There are no intentional walks.

18. **Run Rule:** Six (6) per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first. Game ending run rule same as Peewees. **CLARIFICATION:** A team is allowed to score a maximum of six runs per inning. This applies in every inning, including the fifth inning or any extra inning.
19. **Game Length:** Five (5) innings and no time limit.
20. **Infield Fly Rule:** Does not apply, no infield fly rule.
21. **Umpires:** League games must have at least one umpire behind the plate. OK Kids Regional or State Tournaments must have at least two umpires per game.
22. **Number of Coaches:** Each team will be allowed four (4) coaches. When batting, a team can have a first base coach and third base coach. The other two coaches must remain in the dugout area. A home plate coach is not allowed. While playing defense, all four coaches must remain in the dugout area. Defensive coaches are not allowed on the field. The team scorekeeper will be allowed to sit in the dugout as well.
23. **Other Rules:** Any other rules not covered in the above set of rules will fall under OK Kids Baseball Rules.
24. **Important Dates:** League qualifiers must be reported to OK Kids by June 15, 2018. The T-Ball State Tournament will be played Thursday, June 21 through Saturday, June 23.

