

T-ball Division

NKB will follow NFHS rules unless otherwise specified below. Coaches are prohibited from agreeing on “special” rules at the beginning of the game.

1. Game Schedules
 - a. The League game schedule, as published by the League, will be strictly adhered to. Coaches will not be allowed to reschedule games for any reason, unless authorized by, and handled by, the Division Director, Director of Fields & Scheduling, League Operations Manager or League President.
 - b. Postponements
 - i. All games not completed due to weather or other situations must be reported to your division director within 24 hours.
 - c. Scorekeeping
 - i. Games are not scored and no standings are kept.
2. Playing Time, Roster Batting & Defensive Positioning
 - a. If a player is injured, becomes ill or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injured/ill player returns he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues. Also, if a child arrives late to a game site, if the manager chooses to enter him/her in the lineup, he/she would be added to the end of the current lineup.
 - b. Roster Batting: A team’s entire roster will bat in order, throughout the entire game.
 - i. Teams will bat six hitters per inning.
 - c. The defense will play five infield positions (there is no catcher) and all additional players may be placed in the outfield so that no one has to sit out.
 - d. Outfielders should stay a minimum of 20 feet behind the bases until the ball is hit.
 - e. Two Defensive coaches are to position themselves in the shallow outfield to coach.
 - f. Coaches are required to rotate players through different defensive positions to help their development, however due to player safety, players are not required to rotate to every defensive position.
3. Team Coaches
 - a. A maximum of one manager and four coaches are allowed in the dugout.
4. Safety
 - a. All players should remain in the dugout when not in the game.
 - i. Players (except defensive players in positions) are not permitted to be on the field of play without a batting helmet on.
 - b. All players will carry bats down at their side.

- c. Bats should not be thrown.
 - d. All male players should wear a protective cup.
 - e. Cleats – Rubber or molded cleats can be worn. Metal cleats are not allowed.
 - f. On Deck Batters are not permitted.
5. Official Game & Time Limit
- a. A new inning will not be started after 1 hour 20 minutes.
 - b. There are no maximum number of innings.
6. Safe/Out Calls
- a. Outs will not be recorded
 - b. If a player is out, they will remain on base.

7. Field Layout

Division	Pitcher Distance	Base Distance	Distance Home to 2nd
T-ball	40'	60'	84'10"

8. Bats

- a. Bats shall not be more than thirty-three (33) inches in length and not more than 2 3/4 inches in diameter.
- b. Bats must be stamped with either BPF 1.15 or with the USA Bat logo.
- c. Any bats listed on the current year's USSSA "Withdrawn and/or Non-Compliant Baseball Bat Models" listing are not allowed.

9. Base-running

- a. Leaving a base before the ball is hit is not allowed.
- b. Sliding should not be taught/encouraged.
- c. Base runners may advance until the ball comes back to the infield.
- d. On the sixth batter of the inning, base runners can run the bases all the way to home plate.

10. Batting

- a. The ball must travel 15 feet in a fair direction before it is considered in play.

11. Sportsmanship

- a. Players, coaches and/or spectators are not allowed to bait or taunt and are required to always show good sportsmanship.
- b. Failure to maintain a high level of sportsmanship is to result in ejection from the game.
- c. Encouragement for your own team is to be the focus of all concerned with the game.

12. Code of Conduct

- a. All individuals involved (players, coaches, spectators) should show respect for all of our umpires, players, coaches and spectators.
- b. Abuse of umpires in any form, verbal or physical, will not be tolerated by NKB. Individuals found to be abusive to the umpires, whether it is coaches, players, or spectators, will be asked to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Where the abuse continues, the offending individual will be asked to leave the area surrounding the ball field.

- c. During the game, if a conversation with an umpire is necessary regarding a disputed call – these must be handled by the Head Coach exclusively in a quiet and professional manner.
- d. Individuals and/or teams who commit egregious and/or repeated violations will be subject to suspension or removal from the league.

13. Weather & Darkness

- a. Relating to weather, the goals of NKB are:
 - i. Safety of all participants and spectators first and foremost
 - ii. Attempt to “complete” games when possible
- b. With the above goals in mind, the following guidelines should be observed for all games:
 - i. Before the game begins, the coaches may discuss and decide if conditions are suitable for the game to commence. The coach of the home team is responsible for the final decision. Once the game has begun, the umpire is responsible for all decisions pertaining to suspension, resumption and/or cancellation.
 - ii. At the FIRST incident of lightning OR thunder (REGARDLESS of how far away it seems), all persons will immediately clear the field and seek safe shelter, and the game will be suspended. Scorebooks should note inning, outs, count on batter, and time. The Managers/Coaches and umpire shall decide whether the remainder of the game will be cancelled OR if a 30-minute delay will be observed. (Safe shelter is a building or vehicle preferably)
 - iii. The 30 minute waiting period can be observed if it is likely that threatening conditions will dissipate.
 - iv. The 30 minute clock resets with each occurrence of thunder or lightning.
 - v. During the delay players are strictly forbidden from any activity and must remain in safe shelter area.