

# Official NHAA Playing Rules

# T-Ball



**NORDONIA HILLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

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Ages 3/4 (Co-ed)

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1. **GOVERNING RULES.**

1.1. NFHS will govern all play except as amended by the NHAA Playing Rules or Temporary Playing Rules that have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

2. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY/AGE.**

2.1. Player’s eligibility is determined by their date of birth.

3. **PLAYERS AND POSITIONS.**

3.1. Minimum to Start Game: n/a.

3.2. Maximum Defensive Players: Teams will divide all defensive players in the field as necessary.

3.3. No catcher will be used in T-Ball, instead, the batting team’s manager or designate shall stand by better to: (1) put the ball on the tee and (2) help coach the batter.

4. **PLAYING FIELD AND EQUIPMENT.**

4.1. Baseline Distance: 60 feet.

4.2. Pitching Distance: A circle with a 4-foot radius will be drawn with its center 43 feet. (Measured from front side of the pitcher’s plate to the rear point of home plate).

4.3. A fair ball arc will be drawn with a 15’ radius from point of home plate between the baselines.

4.4. Home team will have the 1st baseline bench and visiting team will have the 3rd baseline bench.

4.5. No metal spikes will be worn.

4.6. Double Bases: When Double bases are used, the following rules apply:

4.6.1. A batted ball hitting the white portion is declared fair, and a batted ball hitting the orange portion is declared foul.

4.6.2. The batter shall use the orange portion of the base. The fielder shall use the white portion of the base to retire the runner. When the batter becomes a runner, he must use the white portion.

4.6.3. The batter/runner may use the orange portion on the first attempt at first base; however, should he/she reach and go beyond first base, they must return to the white portion.

4.6.4. Should the batter/runner round the base on a hit to the infield or to the outfield, he/she must return to the white portion.

4.7. Bat Types and Dimensions

4.7.1. Bats must conform to either USA, BBCOR, or USSSA standards or they cannot be used.

4.7.2. Metal or composite bats are permitted. No wood bats are allowed.

4.7.3. Bats do not have a restriction on diameter.

5. **FIELD AND GROUND RULES.**

5.1. Home team begins its field practice 30 minutes before game time and the away team practices 15 minutes before game time on the field.

5.2. No player shall play the same position for more than one inning.

5.3. Scorekeeping and Standings.

5.3.1. No scores or standings will be kept.



5.4. Post-Practice/Game Clean-Up.

- 5.4.1. NHAA is a community organization and thus a sense of pride and responsibility should be taken for the facilities used.
- 5.4.2. It is the responsibility of both teams to pick up the trash and garbage around the field at the end of a practice or game. Teams with the final game of the evening have ultimate responsibility for the condition of their side of the playing field, including trash and garbage around the field, in the dugouts, and the bleachers.
- 5.4.3. Each Manager is responsible for their bench area and ensuring their players clean up after themselves. Managers are encouraged to bring a trash bag and together with the players and parents, leave the field and surrounding areas cleaner than it was found.
- 5.4.4. Managers are asked to report any violations of this policy to their League Commissioner as soon as possible, including the date, time and location of the problem.
- 5.4.5. This policy will be strongly enforced by the NHAA. Failure to adhere to this policy can result in action by the Board of Trustees.

6. **PITCHING.**

- 6.1. No pitching.

7. **BATTING.**

- 7.1. All teams will roster bat. Any late arrivals to the game will be placed at the bottom of the batting lineup.
- 7.2. All batters **MUST** wear protective headgear while at bat and while on the bases.
- 7.3. The batter shall not throw the bat.
- 7.4. No walks allowed.
- 7.5. There are no strikeouts.
- 7.6. Does the infield fly rule apply: No.

8. **BASE RUNNING.**

- 8.1. No leadoffs or base stealing of any kind.
- 8.2. There will be no sliding.

9. **RUN LIMIT.**

- 9.1. N/A.

10. **GAME TIMES AND DURATION.**

- 10.1. **TIME LIMIT:** Games will have a 1.5-hour time limit.
- 10.2. **WEATHER - THIRTY-MINUTE RULE:** games shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

11. **COACH, PLAYER, AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT.**

- 11.1. All players and staff, when not playing in the field, warming up, base coaching, or waiting in the batter's circle will remain seated on the bench or standing behind the bench or fence. All equipment will be placed behind the team bench or fence.
- 11.2. Please see <https://www.nhaa.info/page/show/5988129-parents> for a copy of the Code of Conduct.



12. **UMPIRES.**

12.1. An umpire will not be provided for T-Ball games and/or scrimmages.

13. **PROTESTS.**

13.1. Protests are allowed in all leagues that keep score.

14. **PROCEDURES.**

14.1. Injury.

14.1.1. A player removed from the batting lineup, because of an injury may not re-enter that game.

14.1.2. Any playing field injury must be reported to the team manager within 24 hours of the occurrence. The team manager must report the injury immediately to his respective league commissioner and a Trustee. It will be the responsibility of the manager to obtain the proper insurance forms from the league commissioner or other designated official and see that the forms are properly prepared and forwarded to the proper offices for payment under the Association Insurance Policy.