

2017 Wayne County T-BALL GAME RULES

Regular season rules

- Bat through the order, no changes unless a player is injured.
- It will be an out if a child is sick or refuses to bat in the scheduled line up. The child can come back and must be put back in the original line up if feeling better.
- If a player gets out, they do not stay on the base. The out won't count as an out in regular season games.
- Play every player on the team in the field.
- There is no child catcher. A parent or coach can be catcher.
- A parent or coach must be pitcher, not a player.
- Batters each receive 3 pitches and then will attempt to hit off the tee. Coaches may pitch up to 2 more pitches IF the batter fouls the 3rd pitch and the 4th pitch. The player may not receive more than 5 pitches. The player may hit off the tee until the ball is fair.
- The batter must hit the ball past the 10 foot arch in front of home plate for the ball to be counted as fair.
- There is a 1-1/2 hour time limit for each game or if each team bats through their batting order twice (season games). If an inning isn't over and time limit is reached, the inning can be finished.
- If the batter hits the ball into the grass – the batter can advance only 2 bases, if the batter can make 2 bases. The 2 bases are not automatic. If there are others on base, they can advance 2 bases; if they can run and get 2 bases.
- If the runner(s) get out, they do not keep running bases and must return to the dugout.
- If the ball is over-thrown, the runner(s) do not advance to the next base.
- There should be one player in the pitchers circle and must throw the ball to 1st base to make the play. The pitcher cannot run the ball to 1st base, or roll the ball to 1st base; it must be thrown to 1st base. The pitcher can only run the ball to home plate to make a play. The pitcher cannot tag the runner on the way to 1st base or home plate. It must be thrown to 2nd and 3rd base as well.
- The player in the pitchers circle must have at least one foot inside the circle with the ball is hit.
- Players cannot stand in the baseline. Players must stand behind the baseline.
- There needs to be a 10 foot arch in front of home plate. There needs to be a 15 foot circle (7.5 feet on each side of the pitching rubber) around the pitcher's mound. The pitching rubber must be at 35 feet.
- The coach pitcher must pitch from behind the 10 foot arch in front of home plate.
- Home team must provide the tee(s) for the game(s). Home team must line the field for the game(s). Baseline can be lined when lining the field.
- There can be a base coach at each base. The base coaches can touch the base runner(s) while the ball is in play.
- Heart Guard is Mandatory for the child pitcher in the pitching circle
- Tournament Rules: Below plus All rules above for Tournament play

- There is a 6 run limit per inning, or 3 outs in tournament games. The games have a 1 and ½ hour limit or 4 innings. If an inning isn't over and the time limit is reached, the inning can be finished.
- Teams do not have to forfeit or take outs if they have less than 8 players.
- Teams will not play back to back games. If back to back games are scheduled, there will be a 20 minute break between the games.
- The runner can attempt only one base per batted ball.
- Rules subject to change per commissioners meeting.