

Northwest Youth Baseball

Pre T-Ball Rules

- The time limit per game is one (1) hour. There will be no new inning once the time limit is reached.
- Coaches shall use good judgment when starting a new inning too close to the time limit.
- No score shall be kept.
- The offensive coaches shall call outs and foul balls. While outs will be called, runners will stay on the bases.

Playing Field

- The bases shall be 50 feet apart.
- A circle with a radius of five (5) feet shall be drawn around the pitcher's mound, and the pitcher shall remain with one foot in contact with the circle until the ball is hit.
- A circle with a radius of ten (10) feet shall be drawn around the batter's box. A hit ball shall pass this circle to be considered a fair ball.

Batting & Base running

- All batters, on-deck hitters and runners shall wear a helmet.
- All batters shall hit from a tee for the entire season.
- Each team shall bat through the lineup each inning.
- All players shall bat until the ball is hit into play.
- There shall be no stealing or bunting.
- Baserunners shall not advance on any overthrow in the infield.
- On balls hit to the outfield baserunners can advance at their own risk until the ball is controlled by an infielder. Once controlled by an infielder, runners can only continue to advance if they are more than halfway to the next base.
- All runners will cross Home Plate when the last batter in the line-up hits the ball.
- Only T-Ball game balls issued by the Northwest Equipment Managers shall be used.
- Only designated T-ball bats shall be used.

Fielding

- Each team can play all of their rostered players on defense. Outfielders shall remain on the outfield grass and shall not encroach into the traditional defensive areas of the third-baseman, shortstop, second-baseman and first-baseman.
- Players shall rotate positions and shall not play the same defensive position for two (2) consecutive innings.
- The pitcher and first baseman must wear a helmet
- The pitcher is encouraged to wear a facemask, either built into the helmet or held in place by head harness.
- If the pitcher uses a face mask with head harness, use of the helmet is optional.