

# Northwest Youth Baseball

## T-Ball Rules

- The time limit per game is one (1) hour fifteen (15) minutes. There will be **NO NEW INNING** after 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.
- Games can be stopped for instruction, but please keep it to a minimum in recognition of the time limit.
- The offensive coaches (team batting) shall call outs and foul balls.
- Visiting Team provides the game balls and the home team is responsible for returning bases when games are done for the day.

### 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.
- Coaches must monitor players swinging bats in the on-deck circle or near the dugout area
- All batters shall hit from a tee for the first eight (8) games) of the season. Coaches shall position the tee and place the ball on the tee.
- Starting with the ninth (9th) game of the season, coaches shall pitch to the batter. If the batter fails to hit the ball into play after four (4) pitches, then the batter shall hit from a tee. If the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) pitch is fouled, the batter shall receive another pitch.
- Coaches pitching during coach pitch must clear home plate of the baseball bat when a runner is attempting to score
- Any ball that hits the coach pitching during coach pitch is a dead ball and the pitch does not count against the batter.
- Each team shall bat through the lineup each inning.
- All players shall bat until the ball is hit into play. There are no strikeouts or walks.
- There shall be no stealing or bunting.
- Base runners 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.

- Players are considered “OUT” under the normal rules of baseball; runners that are “OUT” will not remain on base.
- All runners will cross Home Plate when the last batter in the line-up hits the ball.
- Only bats specifically designated as T-ball bats shall be used. (Managers must verify)
- Only T-Ball game balls issued by the Northwest Equipment Managers shall be used.

### **Fielding**

- Each team shall have a maximum of four (4) outfielders and a maximum of 10 players on the field 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.
- All players shall play a minimum of one (1) inning of defense.