

# YMCA Tee Ball Revised 3/09/15

## 4 year old & 5 year old Coed T-ball 2 innings or 45 minutes

1. Safety is always first.
2. All batters will wear a batting helmet with mask while both at bat and on base.
3. There is no on-deck circle. The on-deck batter will wear a helmet to be ready but will not have a bat in their hands until they are at the tee.
4. Throwing the bat by the batter constitutes an out. Speak with the player and point out the danger that is caused by throwing the bat.

### Players and Positions

1. A minimum of 8 players is needed to play a game. Generally, teams will be made up of 9 to 10 players.
2. Defensive team fields all players on the field.
  - a. The players will be positioned at 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, and 1 pitcher. All other players will be positioned evenly in the outfield area.
  - b. We encourage the players to be moved to a few different positions.
  - c. Encourage no player will to play the same position for more than two innings.
  - d. Preferably, a child who can catch the ball safely should be positioned at first base.
3. **No defensive player may play in advance of the pitcher, toward home plate.**
4. All players present will be placed in the batting line-up and will bat in the order listed.

### Offense

1. The batting order will consist of ten (10) batters or all players present for game.
2. Inning complete after all players bat. (Bat 1-10, then 10-1)
3. If tied at regulation play, remains tied.
4. During the game, all players must remain in the designated team area and on benches, except the batter at the plate.
5. The next batter will not approach the plate until called by the batting coach/umpire.
6. The umpire/coach will place the ball on the Tee and verify that the tee is adjusted within the strike zone (between the knees and the armpits of the batter). The batting coach may adjust and reposition the batter at any time as long as the ball is not in play.
7. At the discretion of the batting coach, the batter hits the ball off the tee after the umpire/coach calls "ball in play".
8. Batters will have no more than 4 attempts to successfully strike the ball.
9. If a ball leaves the tee as a result of the tee being struck rather than the ball, it is a strike.
10. The batting coach will remove the tee from the playing field after the ball is hit when a runner is advancing home.
11. There shall be a line located 5 feet in front of home plate. A hit ball must go outside the line. A foul ball is one hit inside the line or stops inside the line. A ball on the line is fair.
12. **The play is considered 'over' when the ball is returned toward any player on the field.**
13. At the time the ball is declared DEAD, the umpire/coach shall award a runner the next base only if the runner is half the distance or more to that base. If the runner is not half the distance to the next base, he/she shall be returned to the base he/she had safely reached.
14. When the umpire/coach calls the ball dead, it stays dead until the umpire/coach calls the ball in play again.

## YMCA Tee Ball Revised 3/09/15

15. When a ball is hit to the pitcher, if it is "reasonable" in real baseball that the pitcher would tag the runner out he may do so, but otherwise, the pitcher must throw the ball to the appropriate base (to encourage both throwing and catching skills).
16. Runners will not be allowed to advance on any overthrows.
17. Infield fly rule is not in effect.
18. The runner may not leave the base until the ball is struck by the batter.
19. Leading off and Base stealing is not permitted.

### Coaches - T Ball

1. The defensive team may have two coaches in the outfield grass while their team is on defense. (between 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup>)
2. The offensive coach may be at first and third bases. A coach should be at the catcher position so that they can place the ball on the T and adjust the height of the T for each player.

### Miscellaneous

1. Game shirts are furnished. Players are encouraged to wear their proper jersey.
2. The ball utilized for play in this league is a soft-type baseball.
3. Games will be cancelled when light or other conditions make it to dangerous to continue. Games will be cancelled when lightning or thunder is observed. A decision to cancel once the game is started should be made by umpire or YMCA personnel.
4. Home team sits on first base side and provides batting "T"
5. Protests will not be allowed. Judgment calls will be made by the home team.
6. Each coach shall be responsible for the conduct of his /her players, fans/spectators.
7. Both teams are responsible for cleaning up the area after each game.
8. Score will be kept by the home team of each ball game.
9. Any league official may terminate or shorten any game if deemed appropriate.
10. No animals/pets or tobacco use of any kind are permitted at Remington Park Complex.

<b>The Tee Ball Diamond</b>	1. Home plate to first and third:	40 feet	Pitcher Rubber: 28 feet
	2. Home plate to outfield fence:	75 feet D5, 6, 7	100 feet D8 & 9