

Beulaville/Chinquapin Recreation T-Ball Rules 2024

Offensive rules:

- ❖ ALL 5-6 year old teams will start with 3 coach pitches. If a player is unable to hit a pitch, they will receive two attempts to hit off the tee.
- ❖ No parents are allowed on the field unless they are coaching or an assistant coach.
- ❖ Each team must have an adult in the dugout at all times when players are batting.
- ❖ Batting line up should be continuous (#1-8), then rotate at start of second inning (#8-1)
- ❖ When a player makes a hit, they should continue running until the play is stopped with an out. Players can run around the bases until the ball reaches the pitcher's circle or if the batter or runner is tagged out. Teach the kids how to run the bases and not just stop at first base!
- ❖ If a player is out, via a base play or tagged out, they must return to the dugout. They cannot continue running the base.
- ❖ Once 3 outs are achieved, bases should be cleared, before batting through the line up can continue.
- ❖ All batters must wear a safety helmet with facemask.
- ❖ Offensive coach is responsible for setting the ball on the tee and moving the tee out of the way of the base runners. Offensive coach can help get the batter into position but by halfway the season, try to encourage the players to do this on their own. Exceptions can be made as needed.
- ❖ Offensive coach also needs to teach players to drop the bats and not throw them. If a batter continues to throw a bat, they will need to be removed from the batting lineup and can only play defense.
- ❖ **Must only use balls and bats stamped "T-Ball" only. No big barrel or any other kind of bat can be used except T-Ball bats.**

Defensive rules:

- ❖ Coaches may be on the field, but must stay in the outfield and not interfere with any balls or plays.
- ❖ 4 year old teams will consist of mostly an infield set up.
- ❖ 5-6 year old teams will operate with an infield and outfield.
- ❖ No catcher needed. Offensive coach will move the tee.

Other rules:

- ❖ Games will begin at 6 pm (unless otherwise noted) and last 2 innings. 1 hour time limit
- ❖ Defensive players playing in the pitcher position must also wear a helmet with a facemask.
- ❖ Players are responsible for providing their own glove, helmet and bat. Tees will be provided each time.
- ❖ Score will be kept for 5-6 year olds.
- ❖ No umpires will be used.
- ❖ All schedule changes must go through Joshua Rodriguez (910-722-9489) for Chinquapin Field or Laurie Sholar (910-289-7653) for Beulaville Field.

Parents interested in working a concession stand shift should contact a board member to arrange time.