

PERRYSBURG AMATEUR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMISSION

T-BALL BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

When determining rule priority, PABSC baseball follows each age group's rules first, followed by the general baseball league rules, followed by Major League Baseball rules.

League

- *Philosophy*
 - The T-ball league is designed to introduce beginning players to the games of baseball and softball. It is the intent of this commission to make the T-ball program an arena for learning the basic FUNdamentals in a non-competitive atmosphere. T-ball is an instructional league designed to concentrate on player skills development while also introducing the players to competition and good sportsmanship; therefore, two coaches will be permitted on the field to provide instruction and encouragement to the players. Sportsmanship, citizenship, and teamwork should be the foundation upon which coaches should focus while providing instruction on fundamentals of skill and game play. Keep in mind – this game is for the kids and should be kept FUN!
- *Ages*
 - T-ball shall consist of players who are at least 3 years old by April 30 of the playing year and no older than 5 years old by April 30 of the playing year

General Playing Rules

- *Playing Time*
 - T-ball will abide by a 1-hour time limit. The inning that is being played when the time limit is reached will be the last inning, with the home team batting last.
- *Batting Order*
 - Each member of the team will bat in rotation. This rotation will change from game to game giving all players an equal opportunity to have an equal number of at bats.
 - If an out is made, the player who is out will return to the bench. Once three outs are made, the bases will be cleared, and that team will continue batting until the rotation has been completed. If three outs are not made by the time the entire rotation has had an at bat, then the teams will switch places.
 - Any late arriving player(s) will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
 - Each team will be limited to one rotation of batters per inning.
- *Pitching Restrictions*
 - All players will hit from a tee. There will be no pitching in the T-ball league.
- *No Walks*
 - There will be no walks. The player will either be on base or be called out.
- *Infield Fly*
 - There is no infield fly rule.
- *Defense*
 - Every player on the team will play somewhere on defense. The regular infield positions will be filled with extra players positioned in the outfield (on the grass).
 - Player positions on defense will be rotated, so that each player has the opportunity to play all the positions. The defense positions shall continue to be rotated throughout the season.
 - There will be no player playing the pitcher position for fielding purposes.

- *General Info*

- If the ball is hit to the outfield, the play will stop when an infielder gains and maintains secure possession. Runners halfway between bases go to the next base. No running on overthrows.
- All games will be umpired by a coach or a person designated by the coaches.
- No matter how many players from the teams attend the game, the game will be played. If a team is short players, players from the opposing team will help fill empty positions in the outfield and will bat with that team.
- The T-ball league shall be a non-competitive league. No one shall keep score. This is an instructional league and the main goal is teaching the kids to play the game and have fun!

- *Field Dimensions*

Pitching Mound	Bases
n/a	60 feet

- *Lead Offs and Stealing*

When	Stealing Home	Dropped 3 rd Strike
None	No	No

- If a runner leaves early, the runner will be given a warning. This warning consists of the ball being declared dead and the runners being sent back to their original bases. On the next occurrence in the same inning, the runner will be called out and the ball will be declared dead.

- *Equipment*

- Maximum bat diameter: 2 ¼"
- Maximum length: 30"
- Maximum drop: -12 (i.e. -10, -11, -12; for example, a 26in. 14oz bat is allowed)