

Columbus Parks and Recreation  
T Ball Rules

## 1. Changes from last year highlights

- None

## 2. Governing Rules:

- 2.1. All Leagues in the Columbus Parks and Recreation are governed by the “Official Playing Rules of Baseball”, superceded by the following “Local Rules of the Columbus Parks and Recreation”

## 3. Game Rules

- 3.1. There is no minimum amount of innings needing played to constitute an official game. Once a game begins and is subsequently ended for weather, it is over and will not be made up.
- 3.2. Runs scored are not recorded. There is no “mercy rule” (ending a game due to one team leading another by a wide margin) since no score is kept.
- 3.3. Any number of players available at the start of a game constitutes a starting line-up. Therefore, all games are played regardless of the number of players available on each team.
- 3.4. There is no Official Scorebook.
- 3.5. The length of a game will be either 2 innings or no new inning to begin after 1:00 from the start of the game, whichever comes first.
- 3.6. The entire roster having batted constitutes a 1/2 inning.
- 3.7. The team batting will provide an adult pitcher. Either team may provide an adult catcher (ball gatherer). This is the choice of the offensive team.
- 3.8. The entire roster takes the field on defense. The team on defense is allowed 2 adults in the field to help instruct the players. The adult catcher calls outs.
- 3.9. The adult pitcher does not actually throw pitches.
- 3.10. Each batter gets to hit a ball fair after it is placed on a batting tee.
- 3.11. The entire roster constitutes the batting order.
- 3.12. Once the ball is hit fair and is in play, the defense should attempt to make an official out and/or get the ball back to the adult pitcher. The adult catcher will then rule which runners should advance to the next base (if the runner was over 1/2 way to that base when the adult pitcher received the ball) or go back to the base from which they came (if they were under 1/2 way to the next base when the adult pitcher received the ball). These rulings start with runners heading home and work backwards (third base, then second base).

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- 3.13. Leading off: No
- 3.14. Stealing: No
- 3.15. Dropped 3rd Strike Rule: No
- 3.16. Infield Fly Rule: No
- 3.17. Designated Hitter Rule: No
- 3.18. A runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit fair in play.
- 3.19. A runner does not need to slide feet first (head first sliding is allowed, but highly discouraged).

## **4. Equipment**

- 4.1. Metal cleats are not allowed.
- 4.2. The bat shall be not bigger than 2 1/4 inches in diameter.
- 4.3. A RIF ball will be the Official game ball.

## **5. Participation**

- 5.1. The entire roster plays defense, therefore there is no need for a participation rule (minimum number of innings a player plays defense).
- 5.2. A player or coach ejected from the game will at least be ineligible to participate in the team's next game. All ejections will be reviewed by the Columbus Parks and Recreation/Columbus Babe Ruth Baseball committee in accordance with the Code of Conduct policy.

## **6. Substitutions**

- 6.1. The entire roster plays defense and the entire roster constitutes the batting order, therefore there is no need for a substitution rule.

## **7. Protests**

- 7.1. There are no umpires, therefore there are no protests.

## **8. Pitching**

- 8.1. Players do not pitch; therefore there are no pitching regulations.