

# City of Hickman Park and Recreation

## Tee- Ball Rules

- The pitching and catching positions must be occupied by a different player each inning of the game.
- Batters are not permitted to bunt or swing easily at the ball.
- A player stays at bat until a legal hit has occurred. There will be no strikeouts or an out called on a foul ball unless a legal out has been made.
- All ties and close calls between ball and base runner are rewarded to the runner.
- Base runners may not advance on overthrows any time the ball leaves the infield playing area, even if it remains in fair territory in the outfield.
- Regulation games are 4 innings or 1-hour time limit (flexible on next game start time).
- Each player must play the entire game unless ill or injured. This includes both playing the field and batting.
- A 10-foot arc shall be drawn in front of home plate, and a ball must be hit out of this area before it is playable. A ball that does not get outside the 10-ft. arc shall be called a FOUL BALL and the batter is to return to home plate to try again. No base runner may advance on a ball that does not cross the 10-ft. arc.
- The 10-ft. arc will also serve as a SAFETY AREA that will allow the defensive team to stop play without attempting to make a legal out. A ball thrown or attempted to be thrown into the SAFETY AREA will be treated as a TIME OUT.
- The tee must be set so it will stand straight up in a vertical position; not slanting in any direction.
- The home plate umpire (**the at-bat team coach**) will remove the tee from the plate after each batter exposing the underlying home plate so base runners can advance home safely.
- All players will be out in the field defensively at one time. Coaches should be “creative” in their defensive assignments and the names given to these “new” positions. There are NOT to be any players between first base and the pitcher, nor third base and the pitcher.
- Base runners are not permitted to lead off or steal bases. Players must remain on their respective bases until the ball is hit off the tee.
- All players will bat once each inning regardless of how many outs or runs are made.
- The defensive team may station no more than three coaches in the playing field area to aid their players in executing defensive plays. At no time can a coach physically participate in the play. (By physically participating we mean to touch a player or to touch a ball in play)
- Coaches of the at batting team may stand at the opposite first base and third base and one may be at home plate to help adjust the hitting tee. Only one coach may be located at each of the above positions for a total of no more than three. At no time may an offensive coach enter the field or physically touch a player when the ball is in play.
- All infielders must play a minimum of 40 feet away from home plate before the ball is hit (except the pitcher). There are to be no more than seven players in the infield before the ball is hit.
- NO metal cleats of any kind will be allowed on the playing field by any team members.
- Only soft sponge core baseballs will be used for practices and games.