

# 2017 G.A.B.S.A. T-BALL Rules and Guidelines

Baselines will be set at 50'.

An arc in front of the batter's box will be 15'.

Inside this arc is foul territory. A hit ball must go outside of this arc.

Both teams will bat at least 3 times.

An inning will be over after each player has hit one time.

Thrown bats are a danger! Coaches must emphasize this!

Coaches in the infield will act as umpires. When in doubt, the benefit goes to the runner.

To control play, the batter should not attempt to hit the ball until the umpire calls an audible "Play ball".

If a batter hits the ball before the audible "Play Ball", the ball will be considered as a foul ball and the batter should begin again. This procedure is to secure the safety of the catcher who is setting the ball on the tee.

Helmets are optional but are encouraged while batting.

Runners cannot advance on an overthrow.

Coaches are encouraged to be on the field providing help and encouragement.

We do not keep score. Both teams are to be winners.

T-ball is about teaching basics and fundamentals. Please be patient and use every opportunity to do so.

Players will be rotated on the field so that each child gets to play other positions.

Coaches need to rotate batting order to allow each player the same amount of at bats as the season progresses.

Example: First game, the player wearing number "1" would be the first batter of the game. Second game, player wearing # "2" would be first batter of the game.

Coaches will not use any obscene language during practices or games.

Adjust the tee according to the player's height.

We encourage pitching to the players first, but no player strikes out. After the 5<sup>th</sup> strike, the coach should have the player hit off the tee.

If a child is called out at any base, he/she must leave the field of play.

Position players are used in the infield including pitcher. The remainder are playing outfield. There will be a "gap" between infield and outfield.

If lightning is spotted, the game will be suspended and everyone should leave the field of play. (See GABSA safety guidelines)

First aid kit and ice packs are located in the shed/locked box.

If there are any serious injuries, please be sure to notify Jason Green (717-830-0002). If you can't reach him, call Jason Mills (717-860-7185), or Blaine Beam (717-593-9307).