

2026 Paducah Chiefs Little League Tee Ball Rules

Rules

1. No score will be kept in Tee Ball.
2. Players will bat with a standard batting tee and tee ball bat provided by the league.
3. Players will get three swings to hit the ball fair. If they don't in those three swings it will be an out. If they hit it foul on their third swing they will get another swing. They will be out on their next swing unless they hit the ball fair or hit another foul ball.
4. Every child will hit each inning.
5. After three outs the team will continue batting until lineup is completed.
6. Every player on the team will play in the field.
7. Additional players will serve as rovers placed in the outfield or infield.
8. Coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes, but shall not touch a live ball.
9. Rules of baseball will apply with a few exceptions listed below. Bases are 50 feet.

Batting

1. A player is allowed three swings at the ball.
2. Foul lines will be observed.
3. No on deck hitters.
4. It is the judgment of the umpire to determine whether the ball or tee was hit. (Strike is called if tee was hit).
5. There will be no pinch hitting.
6. All players must bat once per inning. If they complete the lineup before the other team gets three outs, the inning will be over.
7. A player can be called out for throwing a bat – there are no warnings.

Baserunning

1. No leading off. Baserunners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
2. No pinch running or courtesy running with the exception of an injury. The last batter can then run for the injured player.
3. No sliding – sliding will be discouraged based on the safety factor.
4. No running into fielders.

Fielding and Rotation

1. Players will be taught to play every position.
2. Players should rotate one position every three batters and before every inning.
3. Rotation can go from pitcher to first base, second base, shortstop, third base, left field, center field, right field, then pitcher. Any rovers will be included in the rotation.
4. After every player has batted in the inning, the inning will end and the batters and fielders will switch.
5. There will be no catcher in tee ball. The pitcher should cover home when needed.
6. The player in the "pitcher" position shall keep both feet on the pitcher's rubber until the ball is hit.

Length of Game

1. Games will last no longer than 4 innings or 60 minutes, whichever comes first.
2. The game will end without finishing an inning once 60 minutes is reached, if necessary.
3. Coaches from both teams can agree to end a game any time after 45 minutes.

TEE BALL LEAGUE GOALS

- Defense
 1. Pay attention to the ball when it is about to be hit
 2. Know when to run after the ball and when to let a teammate go after the ball.
 3. Use glove to field ball
 4. Step and throw towards first base after fielding the ball
 5. Do not stand on a base unless fielding a throw at first base
 6. Stay out of the way of runners
- Hitting
 1. Know where to stand when you are about to hit the ball.
 2. Hold bat properly. Right hand above left for right handed hitters. Left hand above right for left handed hitters.
 3. Keep eye on ball as you swing.
 4. Hold onto bat during swing. After hitting the ball, set your bat down before running.
- Baserunning
 - Run in a straight line from base to base
 - Run as fast as possible
 - Watch the batter hit the ball. Stay on base until ball is hit.
- Players know how to transition from field to dugout and dugout to field when it is time to do so.