



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **T-BALL RULES**

### **PRE GAME PRAYER**

All games will begin with both teams circling around the pitcher's mound and having a pregame prayer. Home team is responsible for prayer and devotion. All hats will be removed during pregame prayer.

### **UMPIRES**

A Y Employee will be used for T-ball to assist coaches and encourage the kids on the field. Coaches are still responsible for playing by the rules.

### **GAMES**

Games will consist of 3 Innings.

### **BATTING ORDER**

All players present at the game will be placed in order in which they will hit. The order will remain constant throughout the game.

### **BATTING**

A ball will be placed on the tee for the batter to hit. A batted ball must clear the 10-foot arc between the baselines to be considered a hit. If the ball does not cross the arc then the batter will return to hit again. There are no limits on the amount of swings a batter takes. Only the batter is allowed out of the dugout area. The on deck batter must be ready with helmet on to take his/her turn.

### **INNINGS**

One full inning will conclude after each batter has batted. Once all batters from one team have had their turn at bat the sides will change. No outs will be called. All players will remain on base regardless if a play was out at the base or not.

### **BASERUNNING**

Base runners may not leave the base until the ball has been hit. Players may only advance one base at a time. The last batter in the lineup will advance all four bases to end the inning.

### **DEFENSIVE POSITIONS**

All players will play the entire time. Infield will consist of two pitchers, and five other players. All other players will be assigned to the outfield. A circle will be drawn around the pitcher's mound, the two pitchers must stay within the circle until the ball has cleared the 10-foot arc. Players are to rotate positions each inning and encouraged not to play the same position twice in one game.

### **COACHING**

Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field and one behind home plate. Coaches may not play the ball but are there to encourage and instruct their players. Three offensive coaches are allowed with one each at first and third base with the third coach at home plate to assist the batters. A fourth coach is allowed in the dugout to keep the batting order going and to help the batters with bats and helmets.

**EQUIPMENT**

The YMCA will supply helmets, bats, and baseballs. Participants must provide their own glove. All batters must wear a helmet. Individuals will be allowed to use their own equipment if it meets the approved standards.

**SPECTATOR CONDUCT**

Positive team support is encouraged. Offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of all persons on his/her team or supporting his/her team. Fans are encouraged to cheer, encourage, and support both teams. They are expected to be courteous and set a good example for the players.