

PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

T-ball Rules and Guidelines

1. All players present will be placed in the batting order before the start of the game. If a player arrives after the start of the game he/she will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
2. Every batter must bat once per inning.
3. Pitching: Parent / Coach will pitch 5 balls to batter, if batter does not hit one of the five balls then the ball is placed on the tee for the batter to hit.
4. Protective helmets must cover head and ears and must be worn at the plate and on base.
5. No runner can leave any base until the ball goes by the batter.
6. Runners are only allowed 1 base on all past balls or overthrows regardless of which base.
7. There is no "stealing" of bases at any time.
8. There will be no active plays at home plate.
9. Everyone will play in the field each inning and there will be free substitution in all fielding positions. **Field positions should be rotated to give each child an equal opportunity to play different positions.**
10. Each team batting around the order once will constitute an inning.
11. Two adult coaches are allowed to coach the bases.
12. Adult volunteers / coaches should serve in the catcher's position. If appropriate catcher's equipment fits safely, a player may serve in the catcher's position.
13. The coach of the team at bat will be considered the umpire. All rulings by the umpire will be final.
14. Teams will not keep track of outs and runs.
15. All games will begin at 6:00 p.m.
16. Home team is designated on the schedule.
17. No new inning will begin after 7:15 p.m. All games are a maximum of 3 innings in length. Unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches and is still a safe environment to play in.
18. Regulation length of bases will be used at all times.
19. Cancellation of games due to weather decided by coaches by 5:15 p.m. Coaches must call all players or set up a phone tee in the event of a cancellation.
20. **Please make use of scheduled practice times as this will create more time to work on fundamentals with the players. Games are a lot of fun but there is some inactive time for players also. Scheduled practice times will give the coaches more time to work with each and every child.**