



Tiny Tees T-Ball Rulebook

League Overview

The Tiny Ts T-Ball League is designed to introduce young players to the fundamentals of baseball and softball in a fun, supportive, and development-focused environment. Emphasis is placed on participation, learning, and sportsmanship.

- Games are **60 minutes total**
 - **5 minutes:** Warm-up
 - **55 minutes or 5 innings:** Game play
 - **Game will be over when 55 minutes time is up.**
- **No official score** will be kept
- Teams will consist of **6–8 players** to maximize participation
- All players will:
 - Play defensively in the field
 - Bat through the entire lineup each inning

A coach or designated volunteer will act as the **catcher**, placing the ball on the tee to maintain pace of play.

- Games will be played on Monday nights after 5:00pm at Allison Sports Town. Each team will receive 6 games, if a double header is scheduled, games will be played back-to-back.
- The game schedule will be posted on the Tiny Tees Homepage located at <https://www.allisonsportstown.com/>
- Teams will receive 1 hour of practice a week starting 1 week before the season. Please contact Noah at Noah@sgfsports.com to schedule.

Gameplay Rules

Batting

- Players bat in a continuous rotation until all players have hit
- Each batter is allowed **3 swings**
 - A **foul ball on the 3rd strike is considered an out**
- A ball must travel **beyond the 5-foot arc** to be considered in play
- **Bunting is not allowed**
- If the ball falls off the tee before the swing → no pitch
- If the batter hits the tee → ball is dead, redo swing
- The **final batter must reach home plate** before teams switch sides
- All runners will continue advancing around the bases during the final at-bat

Defensive Positioning

- Maximum of 6 players can be in the infield (**1st, 2nd, 3rd, SS, P, Rover**)
- Remaining players must stay in the outfield
- No player may stand within 5 feet of home plate (safety rule)

Base Running & Dead Ball

- Play is considered **dead** when:
 - The ball is controlled by the pitcher (or any player inside the pitching circle)
 - A defensive player intentionally throws the ball to the pitcher (regardless of a catch)
 - On an overthrow, runners may advance only one extra base
 - The umpire will call "dead ball"
 - Runners:
 - If **more than halfway** to the next base when the ball becomes dead → may continue
 - If **less than halfway** → must return to the previous base
 - Players are NOT allowed to slide. Baserunners must avoid contact.
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Field Setup

- **Base Distance:** 60 feet
 - **Pitching Circle:** 30 feet
 - **Location:** Turf or Grass fields
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Equipment Rules

- **Helmets are required** for:
 - Batters
 - Base runners
 - On-deck batters
 - **Metal cleats or spikes are not allowed**
 - **All Defensive players must have a glove**
 - **Game Balls will be provided.**
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Coaching Guidelines

- A defensive coach may be positioned in the outfield to assist players
 - May **give direction only**
 - **Cannot touch the ball or players during live play**
 - **Substitutions / Rotation**
 - Free substitutions on defense
 - Batting order must remain consistent- Batting order will be submitted before the game.
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Participation & Attendance

- Teams must notify the League Coordinator **at least 2 working days in advance** if they are unable to attend a game
- Any team that forfeits or no-shows **two consecutive games without notice** may be removed from the league

Sportsmanship & Conduct

- This league prioritizes respect, learning, and fun
 - **Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated**
 - Any coach, player, or spectator ejected from a game must:
 - Leave the facility immediately
 - Continued issues may result in:
 - Game forfeiture
 - Additional disciplinary action
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League Policies

- **Free entry league**
- The **League Coordinator** has final authority on:
 - Rule interpretations
 - Situational decisions
 - League adjustments as needed
- Weather / Cancellation Policy
 - If weather requires the cancelation of games- We will make that call at 3:00 on Mondays. We will contact the coaches and post it on our socials.
 - Make-up games will either be added onto the remaining weeks or be scheduled on a different day of the week.