

Triway Recreation Tee Ball Rules

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1. Game Format

- Games are a maximum of **3 innings**.
 - Every player bats in **every inning**.
 - All players rotate positions in the field so everyone gets a chance to field.
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2. Batting Rules

- Each batter may take up to **3 optional coach pitches** before hitting from the tee.
 - If the batter does not hit a fair ball during coach pitches, they continue at the tee.
 - At the tee, the batter gets **up to 5 swings**.
 - If no contact is made after 5 swings, the batter's turn **is over**.
 - **No outs** are called. **All players are safe when advancing bases**.
 - **Helmets are required** for all batters.
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3. Base Running

- Runners may not leave the base until the ball is hit (**no stealing**).
- Runners advance **one base per hit** (or as allowed by the coach for safety).
- Sliding is **discouraged**; if used, it must be safe and controlled.
- Safety and fair play are emphasized over speed.

4. Fielding

- Players rotate positions each inning so everyone fields at least once.
- Coaches may assist fielders to retrieve balls or guide runners to keep play moving.
- Focus is on **participation, skill-building, and fun**.

5. Safety Rules

- **All batters must wear helmets and keep them on while batting and as a baserunner until they return to the bench.**
- **No throwing bats.**
- Coaches are responsible for **safe conduct** of players and spectators.
- Encourage positive behavior, teamwork, and respect for others.

6. Game Flow

- Each inning ends when all players have completed their batting turn.
- Coaches should retrieve balls promptly to keep the game moving.
- No score is kept; the goal is **learning, fun, and participation**.

7. Game Administration

- **Inclement Weather / Field Conditions:** Opposing managers have the right to **call their scheduled games** due to weather or field conditions.
- Games may be **rescheduled** with the help of both managers and the TYB Board of Directors.