

Reedley Community Services Department
T-Ball Rules 7 & 8 yrs. old

ADMINISTRATION

1. All teams, participants, and coaches must confirm to and abide by all rules and regulations established by the Reedley Community Services Department and the Kings Canyon Unified School District as pertaining to the program.
2. All players and coaches participate at their own risk!

ELIGIBILITY

1. Should the response be such that there is a limited placement for participants, then the following criteria will be used to enter participants into the program:
 - a. Those persons residing within the City limits of the City of Reedley;
 - b. Those persons residing in the Kings Canyon Unified School District;
 - c. Others who wish to participant but do not meet the previous requirements shall be entered on a first come, first serve basis as openings permit.
2. This program is for boys and girls ages 7 and 8.

GENERAL

1. Games will consist of four innings and/or of one hour.
2. Each team roster will consist of at least 12 players. All players will participant in each inning of each game.
 - a. Batting team-the team batting will send to bat all rostered players each half inning.
 - b. All players who attend games must play!**
 - c. If a player consistently misses practices or games, contact the recreation coordinator and explain the situation. The recreation coordinator and coach will work out an alternate rule for this player.
 - d. Defensive team-the team out on the field will position nine (9) players in the regular baseball positions. The additional players will be positioned in fair territory in the outfield. **PLAYERS MUST PLAY TWO DIFFERENT POSITIONS EACH GAME.** Player must be in the position for 1 (one) complete inning to count.

e. Continuous batting order

If both teams have the same number of players at a game, coaches will follow continuous batting order as described in Example A.

Example A: Team A has 13 players
 Team B has 13 players

Batting order consists of batter #1 through 13. All 13 players bat for a half inning then side is retired. When teams bat again, batting order is used throughout the game.

Example B: Team A has 13 players
 Team B has 11 players

Team A: batting order consists of batter # 1 through 13. All 13 players bat for a half of inning, then the side is retired. Next time Team A batting order will again begin with batter # 1 (top of the order) and end with batter # 13. This batting order is used throughout the game.

Team B: Batting order consists of batters #1 through 11. All 11 players plus batter #1 and #2 bat again for the inning. Thus, 13 players have batted (equaling Team A's batting order of 13) and the side is retired. Next time Team B bats, batting order begins with batter #3 and goes through the batting order until 13 players have batted. When Team B bats again, the player following the new 13th batter would be the first batter, and when 13 players have batted, the side is retired. This process is repeated throughout the game.

3. Games will not be scored. The object of the game is not to win or lose but enjoy playing it. Winning should not be emphasized, but learning and improving a child's skill level will make them successful.
4. The home team will always occupy the dugout on the 3rd base side of the field.
5. Any player arriving at the game late will be added to the bottom of the batting order and enter the game at the top of the next inning. Coaches must notify other team of late arrivals. Let opposing team know before batter bats.
6. In the case of an injured player, the umpire makes the call to stop the game.
7. Any batter who is batting out of order is out.
8. If the batter removes his or her helmet they will be called out.
9. There will be no stealing or leading off. Base runner must wait until the ball is hit before leaving his base.

10. If a player is out at base, that player must return to the dugout. Players cannot continue to stay at base once they are out.
11. There is no running on an overthrow.
12. There is no blocking of the bases by the defensive player. If the defensive player blocks the bag, the offensive player will be called safe.
13. Restraining Lines-Any ball crossing over the restraining line, extension thereof, is a dead ball (out of play).

UNIFORMS

- ✓ Exposed jewelry (wrist watches, bracelets, large or loop earrings and neck chains) or any other item judged dangerous (i.e.. bandanas) by the umpire may not be worn during the game.

NOTE: Any exposed metal may be considered legal if covered by soft material and taped.

- ✓ All players must wear tennis shoes or soccer shoes. NO METAL CLEATS.
- ✓ **Players must wear uniform shirt and hat provided by the City. Shirts must be tucked in.**

COACHES

1. There will be a limit of one (1) practice per week once games have begun.
2. Coaches may not use any players other than those assigned by the Community Services Department. **Only players who are registered with the Community Services Department may practice. No exceptions!**
3. Every team is only allowed 1 (one) head coach and 1 (one) assistant. Parent helpers may assist once team is established.
4. Coaches may not do any switching of players.
5. All discipline problems will be referred to the Reedley Community Services Department office.
6. Only the head coach can call a time out. Time outs can only be called in dead ball situation.

7. The offensive team will station first and third base coaches on the field during its time at bat. Only coaches registered with The Community Services Department can be on the field or in the dugout.
8. Coaches may not be on the field except while pitching to players or in the event of an injury.

SPECIAL T-BALL RULES

1. There will be no active pitcher, but a player will play that position defensively.
2. Batters will hit ball off a rubber "T". The coach may pitch to player after the 4th game of the season. This only applies to the children who are able to hit a pitch. (If batter does not hit after three pitches, batter then uses the "T"). A ball that hits a coach is a foul ball.
3. Each batter will get three (3) swings to hit a fair ball.
4. Batters must take a full swing at the ball to be a legal hit. No bunting.
5. Ball is dead when infielder has control of the ball and umpire calls "dead ball" Remember NO RUNNING ON OVERTHROWS.
6. When the "last batter" is at bat, it becomes a two out situation. The hitting team **MUST** let the other team know that their last batter is up. On the last batter of the inning, the out will be made by throwing to home plate and the catcher (or any other player) tagging the plate.
7. If batter throws a bat, the batter is out.
8. No sliding.
9. A batter will be called out if he/she intentionally removes the batting helmet while the ball is in play. Everyone must bat with helmet.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

By coach, assistant, parents, or spectators

Any act that is damaging to the goal of good sportsmanship, cursing directed at anyone, (including City Employees) excessive yelling, any physical conduct or threat of contact.

Any conduct that shows intent to disrupt the flow of the game can and will result in forfeiting a game. Anyone who disregards these rules may be asked to leave the game and facility. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Mission of Youth Sports Program- Our league is designed as a recreation league in which everyone that signs up **plays**. It is **not** a competitive league, nor designed to be a competitive league. The league is structured to allow youth an opportunity to recreate, learn basic skills and most of all just have **fun**.

All youth sports rules are available at www.reedley.com