

## GRAYSLAKE PARK DISTRICT T-BALL RULES

1. This is an instructional league. It is designed for fun and to learn the basics of baseball.
2. **FIELDING** - In both divisions, all players on a team will play the field. There will be a maximum of 10 players on the field at one time (unless there are only 1 or 2 kids on the bench, then let them play too). The balance of players will need to be rotated into the line-up so that each player has an equal amount of playing time. These fielding changes may be made  $\frac{1}{2}$  way through the batting order per inning.
3. Base length will be 40' and pitching mound is 30'.
4. There is no tagging up on a fly ball or no extra bases on passed balls/overthrows, when the fielder makes an attempt at a play, the runners must stop.
5. NO stealing or lead-offs.
6. A regulation game consists of no more than 4 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes. Do not start a new inning after one-hour time.
7. Home team is the last team on the schedule. Home team takes the field first.
8. All batters must wear batting helmets at all times. Base runners must also wear helmets.
9. Negative behavior:
  - a. Negative chatter is not allowed; instead cheer for your players.
  - b. Throwing of equipment is not allowed.
  - c. Coaches are responsible for parents of children on your team.
  - d. Head Coaches are responsible for other coaches on their team.
10. **BATTING** – Have a “bench coach” getting kids ready to come up to bat with helmet on.  
**Division I** – Batters will hit only off of the tee (no coach pitch in this division regardless if the player is ready for it or not), all players on the team will bat each inning.  
**Division II** - The batter will have the option of having a coach pitch to him/her (if they are able to make contact with the ball) or using the tee. If the coach pitches to the batter, the player has only 5 attempts to hit the pitched ball, then the tee will be brought back into play. Players not ready for the pitching will continue to use the tee as needed. Keep in mind that we have a time limit on the games (be sure that the player is capable of making contact prior to pitching to him/her during the game).
11. **OUTS** –  
**Division I** - We do not keep track of score/outs, both teams always win by “having fun”.  
**Division II** – Inning lasts until all players on the team have batted. Score will not be kept, but outs will be recognized and base runners will be taken off the bases if the out is made (The inning continues until all players have batted, even if 3 outs are recorded).
12. **BASE-RUNNING** –  
**Division I** - the batter will only advance one base at a time.  
**Division II** - the base runner can advance bases from the hit only until the fielder picks up the ball, at which time the runner must stop. If the hit is into the outfield, the runner must stop when the ball is thrown into and reaches the infield.