

Weston Softball League
T-Ball Rules
March, 2008

1. No score will be kept. All games will end in a tie.
2. Game will be played with 11" balls.
3. Coaches are encouraged to ask for parental assistance while their team is on the field to assist players with learning.
4. Shall use all defensive players.
5. Batting orders will be the full team roster.
6. May use bats not to exceed 2 ½ inches.
7. Teach players not to throw bat or helmet.
8. Coaches shall attempt to play games missed due to weather. All make up games must be played no later than one week after the last scheduled game in that league.
9. Games should be played for approximately 1 hour.
10. Runners will advance only 1 base at a time when the ball is hit. Last batter goes all the way around the bases.
11. When your team is up to bat, only allow one girl at the plate (with helmet on) to hit and one girl "on deck" (with helmet on) on the field. The remaining team members should be sitting on bench.
12. The second half of the season an evaluation can be made to decide if coaches want to start pitching. If it is decided that it would be beneficial, the coach can pitch 5 pitches and then use the tee if a ball is not hit into play in those 5 pitches. This is important because it keeps the flow of the game going, and keeps the fielders involved. It also helps so batter does not get discouraged.

You will probably have parents who say "my daughter doesn't need a tee". Remind them we are here for the benefit of all the kids. We do not want any of the kids to feel inferior. We not only want to teach the kids how to hit, but also show how the flow of the game goes. By keeping the game moving along you will keep the players interest. As you will be finding out the attention span of the kids can be somewhat limited, and when to many pitches are thrown to a batter you will lose the fielders attention.

This is a fun age to coach. Here is your challenge as a coach at the T-Ball level. How can I make this an enjoyable experience, so all these girls play again next year????