

Official Tee Ball Rules

General Rules (Open to interpretation at the discretion of all coaches)

Tee Ball is played with basically the same rules as baseball, except as modified in the rules below:

- All coaches must be members of the Howard County Coaches' Registry. Anyone who is not a member of the Coaches' Registry is not permitted on the field of play for practice or for games.
- A Tee ball game consists of 3 full innings or one hour, whichever occurs first.
- All players come to bat in an inning.
- All players must play the field each inning. Any additional players (over the usual 10 fielders) must be in the outfield.
- All batters will be allowed to run the bases, regardless of whether they made an out while batting, or were tagged out or forced out while running the bases. Players are awarded one base at a time (No Doubles, Triples, etc...). The last batter in the lineup each inning, and all runners on base, are to run around the bases to home plate (Homerun). Be sure to give as many players the opportunity to hit the Homerun as the game allows. Coach will announce the last batter when they come to bat.
- Discourage the outfielders from running in and tagging a base. This keeps the older kids from dominating the game. Encourage the toss to the infielders so they can make plays.
- When a team is at bat, the coach of the batting team will serve as the umpire behind home plate. The coach can direct the hitter and assist with the defensive team's catcher (5-6 group).
- Coaches should position themselves throughout the field to assist the defense, and base runners.
- This is usually a player's first time playing the sport so make it fun, and encourage everyone in attendance to cheer the players on in an encouraging manor.
- **The one rule that trumps all rules:**

IF THE KIDS ARE NOT HAVING FUN, ADJUST AS NEEDED!