

# **Suggested Cal Ripken Baseball T-Ball Rules & Regulations**

## **1. BATTING**

- a. All hitters will hit the ball from a batting tee. The tee should be adjusted to such a height the batter will be able to **swing level**.
- b. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively or not.
- c. There is no bunting.
- d. Pitcher should be in contact with rubber and making pitching motion before batter swings at the ball.
- e. An inning is over when nine players have batted or three outs are made, whichever occurs first. The ninth batter of the inning, once reaching first base safely, must continue to circle the bases until he or she is either tagged out or scored, either of which will end the inning.
- f. Batting helmets must be used at bat and as base runners.
- g. When the ball is hit it must go at least 25 feet, which is shown by an arc drawn from foul line to foul line.
- h. Three complete misses of the ball while batting constitutes a strikeout.
- i. If a batter hits part of the ball and part of the rubber tee, it is a fair ball if it goes past the 25-foot arc. If a batter hits all rubber or the ball does not go past the 25-foot arc, it is a foul ball.
- j. No stealing or leading off permitted.

## **2. FIELDING**

- a. Nine players are on the field at any one time, including a catcher (have catcher wear helmet).
- b. Each player present must play a minimum of two innings defensively.
- c. A coach may be stationed beyond the infielders in order to provide instruction to all defensive players.

## **3. GAME**

- a. A regulation game is six innings.
- b. A called game is complete if 3 ½ or 4 innings are completed.

**Rules above are from the Babe Ruth League, Inc Baseball Rules and Regulation & Official Playing Rules book.**

- Note that it says “Suggested” – so modify rules as needed to make the game flow as smoothly as possible and make it fun for all involved!
- Managers should meet prior to start of each game to make sure they are on the same page with all the rules.
- Any questions, comments or concerns regarding T-Ball Playing Rules, please contact the TTCC office.