



**T-Ball  
Rule Book**

**League Format and Supplemental Rules**

The Tball league will be played by players ages 4, 5 or 6 on or before April 30th. League standings will not be kept. Score will not be kept. Our primary purpose is to help players develop a love for baseball in a fun and supportive environment.

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### **GAME SCHEDULES**

League games will be played Monday through Thursday evenings, with an average of 2 games per week. All Tball games are played at Keating and Franzoi Fields, except on opening day, where all teams will play at O'Hauser park. A copy of the game schedules will be distributed by each team coach to their players and can be obtained from the [Suburban Athletics](#) website. Games are scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. Games will end at 1 hour regardless of where game play is at. Players should arrive prior to the scheduled start of any game, per coach instruction (no more than 30 minutes) to allow time for proper warm-up time.

### **WEATHER**

Rainouts can be decided by the 2 opposing coaches. The commissioner does not need to be notified. The commissioner reserves the right to cancel all games for the evening.

If lightning is seen, the game must be called and all players and coaches should immediately leave the fields. The safety of our youth is priority.

Games may be made up when the fields are available. This can be scheduled as mutually agreed upon by the opposing coaches. It is not mandatory to make up games, but please try to play at least 10 games.

Games may continue to be played after the regular season is over. Any games played will be scheduled by the coaches. Equipment boxes will remain stocked through August.

### **DIAMOND LOCATIONS**

**O'Hauser Park: 3 diamonds (opening day)**

Located in the Town of Menasha. From Hwy 41, go west on County Road II (Old Hwy 150) turn right on Irish Road. Cross the railroad tracks and take the 1<sup>st</sup> left on O'Leary Road.

**Franzoi Park:** From Hwy CB, go west on Oakridge Road. Take a left on Harvard Drive, a left on Yale Lane, and a left on Stanford Drive. The baseball field is located on the right.

**Keating Park** – 128 Klompen Ct, Neenah. From Hwy 41, take Breezewood Lane west out of the city about 1 mile. There is a small subdivision 100 yards before the stop sign on Woodshoe Road. Turn

right on Retlaw Drive into the subdivision. The baseball field is located in the back corner of the subdivision.

## **HEAD & ASSISTANT COACHES**

No team will be allowed more than 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches. You may also have 2 adult helpers in the dugout. All coaches must be registered with the team prior to the season. A background check must be completed for all Coaches. If a no pre-checked Coach is available to Coach that team will forfeit the game.

## **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Open equipment box upon arrival.
2. Open porta potty upon arrival.
3. Clean up all garbage and debris in dugout and bleacher areas before leaving.
4. Lock equipment box before leaving.
5. Replace chain and lock porta potty before leaving.

## **RULES**

### **Game Conduct**

1. Players must dress and act with respect for themselves and all others in the league.
2. Abusive or profane language by anyone connected with Tball is prohibited. Infractions may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct in which case, point (6) below may apply.
3. The use of tobacco or alcohol is prohibited on the player's bench area or on the playing field while conducting team activities.
4. Misuse of facilities/equipment is prohibited. Infractions may be considered unsportsmanlike in which case point (6) may apply.
5. Coaches are responsible for controlling his/her players, coaches, parents, or fans associated with their players.
6. If an adult becomes unruly, the coach will ask the person to either curtail the objectionable behavior or leave the park. **Note:** The game will not resume the game until the incident is resolved.
7. League President and Director of Baseball are to be notified about any parent or coach conduct issues.

## **EQUIPMENT**

1. Players will wear the proper protective equipment during all practices and games.
2. Batting helmets with two ear flaps **and faceguards** are mandatory when batting and when on deck. If using a Suburban Athletics helmet, hats **must** be worn underneath.
3. Catcher's helmets, chest protector, cup, and shin guards are mandatory attire when catching. Hats **must** be worn under catcher's mask.
4. No orthodontic appliances may be worn outside the mouth.
5. Coaches are responsible for enforcing the use of the protective safety equipment.
6. The equipment manager prior to practices beginning will have equipment in the field boxes. Any equipment questions should be directed to league commissioner.

7. The only equipment required for this league is a glove. Players may also bring a batting helmet and bat. These should be clearly marked with their name. All batting helmets will need a faceguard. Cleats and baseball pants are optional at this level.

### **GAME ATTIRE**

1. The Suburban issued hat and sponsoring organization shirt shall be worn for all games.
2. Players are not permitted to wear jewelry. In the case that earrings cannot be removed they must be posts and covered by tape or Band-Aids. In the event that a medical ID is necessary it must be secure with tape.

### **ROSTER AND BATTING ORDER**

1. The batting order will consist of all players present. Changes to the batting order are not permitted in any game with the following except to add a late arriving player.
2. The away team (listed first on the schedule) will bat first and will continue to bat until all players have batted. The away team will then take the field and the home team will also bat through the entire roster.
3. The teams will continue to alternate until the 1 hour time limit is reached. **BOTH** teams shall have the same number of times to bat.

### **RULES OF PLAY**

1. The batter will swing until the ball is hit, then advance to 1st base.
2. If the ball is hit less than 10 feet, the ball is foul and the batter may try again.
3. There are no strike outs.
4. One batter on deck at a time.
5. Players can advance one base per hit as long as it is fair, and passes the 10 ft. line.
6. Base runners may not lead off.
7. No stealing.
8. When the last batter bats, players will continue to run through all bases until arriving at Home Plate.
9. Score is not kept.
10. The concept of an "out" may be practiced, but runners will not be sent to the bench. On all close calls, the runner would be called "safe".
11. No infielder is allowed past the baseline. They shall remain in line with the base or behind.
12. Outfielders shall remain the grass and not come into the infield at any time.
13. Only 7 players are allowed in the infield: Pitcher, Catcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd base, shortstop and mid-fielder can be placed behind 2nd base.
14. Remaining players should be placed in the outfield. No players should be sitting on the bench.
15. No player may play a key position more than once in a game.

16. No player should play only outfield in a game.

Offensive coaches may be near the plate (to help the batter) and in the coaches box at 1st and 3rd.

Defensive coaches may be on the field to help players learn position location and what to do when they get the ball.