

**JONESBORO BASEBALL BOOSTERS
2023 PLAYING RULES
3-4 YEAR OLD T-BALL LEAGUE**

CONCEPT OBJECTIVE

To make the game safer, more fun and interesting through hitting, fielding and running the bases from the kid's point of view.

RULES

"Official Baseball Rules" as modified by "Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations" and further modified by these "Playing Rules" will be in effect.

NO OFFICIAL SCORE

No official score will be kept or intended.

LENGTH OF GAMES

Games will be 60 minutes in length or each team batting through their complete lineup two times whichever comes first.

BASES

Bases will be 50 feet apart with the pitching rubber at 38 feet from home plate.

BATS

All non-wood bats must have the **USABat T-ball** marking. The barrel maximum is 2 5/8". No BBCOR bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken division. For the T-Ball division, bats must be marked with the USABat T-Ball stamp.

INFIELD PRACTICE

There shall be no infield practice by either team before any game.

TEE

The ball is hit off a tee located at home plate and is not pitched. **The tee will be placed directly on the center of home plate.**

SWINGS

There is no limit to the number of swings or foul balls a batter can have

NO BUNTING

Not permitted.

FOUL BALL

If a batter hits part of the ball and part of the rubber tee and the ball is in fair territory it is a fair ball. If a batter hits all rubber or the ball does not go into fair territory it is a foul ball.

NO STEALING

Base runners are not allowed to lead off or steal bases at any time.

ADVANCING

Once the ball has been returned to the coach, runners may not advance past the base they are on.

INFIELD FLY RULE

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The infield fly rule is not in effect at any time.

TOUCHING HOME

Base runners will be allowed to touch the extended portion of the tee to be considered safe at home plate.

BATTER LINE-UP

Coach's responsibility only. To help rotate offense and defense more quickly, bat one half (1/2) of lineup and then switch to defense. There is no minimum number of players required to play a scheduled game. Recommendation: 1st time through lineup bat first through last on your lineup; 2nd time through bat last through first.

ON DECK BATTER

The on deck batter will remain in the dugout until ready to bat. The batter following the on deck batter may also be in the dugout. All other players will be spaced outside the sideline fence as marked for appropriate distancing.

DEFENSIVE LINE-UP

One half of the lineup may play defensively for each rotation on defense. The infield may consist of up to 6 players including a pitcher, 1st baseman, 2nd baseman, 3rd baseman, a shortstop, and a player between 1st and 2nd base. Other players will spread out in the outfield.

PITCHER/1ST BASE

A different player must play the pitcher and first base positions each inning. Once a player has played that position, they are ineligible to play it for the remainder of the game. A ground ball hit to the pitcher should be fielded and thrown to a base to result in an out (running by the pitcher to a base or to a base runner will be discouraged) unless the path of the ball naturally takes the pitcher toward the baseline.

PITCHER

The pitcher must be standing on top of the pitching rubber before the ball can be placed upon the tee. Once the ball is hit, the pitcher may come off the rubber to field.

PLAYERS ATTIRE

All players shall be properly uniformed including cap, glove and shoes. All batters and runners must wear helmets. **Helmet facemasks ARE NOT required for T-Ball.**

PLAYER QUITTING

In the event that a player quits a team, the head coach will notify the commissioner immediately so that the roster may be properly amended. Such players may return to their teams during the current year only with the permission of the head coach and the commissioner. They are eligible to return to the draft in subsequent years.

CONDUCT

Players, coaches, sponsors, parents, and spectators shall conduct themselves according to the JBB Code of Ethics and Conduct. Head coaches shall be held accountable for the conduct of their team's players, assistant coaches and fans. Any unbecoming behavior shall at once disqualify the offender from any participation whatsoever until reinstated by the Board of Directors

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GRACE PERIOD

There will be a 10-minute grace period for the start of each game.

TOBACCO USE

There will be no tobacco use inside the fenced-in area of the playing field.

RAINOUT INFORMATION

Rainouts will not be rescheduled for the 2020 season.

Notes:

- If a defensive player would normally make a throw to attempt to put out a base runner, then a throw should be attempted (see Pitcher / 1st Base above); fielders should not try to "run down" a base runner. Intended to help teach proper fielding, catching, throwing, and defensive execution.