

STATESBORO-BULLOCH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**T-BALL RULES
(INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE)**

The Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department offers T-Ball as an introductory level league for boys and girls ages five and age six (who have not participated in the T-Ball league previously). *****This is an instructional league and is designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball/softball in a non-competitive environment.** This handout contains only those rules specific to the T-Ball league.

These rules are divided into the following sections: Eligibility, Game/Field Provisions, Equipment, Conduct, Coaches Responsibilities, Participation and Game Rules.

Section A- ELIGIBILITY

1. The age of the participant on August 31st will determine which age division he/she will participate in.
2. Age Classification for T-Ball is 6& under prior to September 1st
3. A participant is only allowed to participate in only one age division

Section B - GAME/FIELD PROVISIONS

1. A regulation game shall consist of:
 - (a) T-Ball - five (5) innings or one (1) hour time limit (meetings will be divided into skill development time and game time).
 - (b) No score is kept in T-Ball.
2. Base distance is sixty feet (60').

Section C - EQUIPMENT

1. All players should be in full uniform issued by the Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department. It includes a cap, team shirt, socks and gray pants.
*If a player does not have a part of his full uniform, they will still be allowed to participate in the game.
2. Shoes are mandatory. Steel spikes are not allowed. Cleats optional.
3. No jewelry may be worn. Braces must be wrapped with an ace bandage so that no metal parts are exposed.

Section D - CONDUCT

1. There will be no hollering or harassing the players on the opposing team by parents, spectators, managers, players, or coaches. The person(s) violating this rule shall be suspended from the following game. (This is determined by the judgment of the officials and/or the recreation field supervisor).
2. Any player, coach, or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, or in any way that could prove detrimental to the league players, umpires, staff, or spectators will be subject to disciplinary

action by the Recreation Department.

3. **No use of any tobacco products is allowed on the premises of any Statesboro – Bulloch County Parks & Recreation Department Facility.**

Section E - COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coaches and assistant coaches may assist on the field during games. All persons entering the dugout shall be players or certified coaches.
2. Coaches must notify the Recreation Department office in the event of an injury to any player, whether the accident occurs during practice or during a game. If a player does not play for disciplinary reasons, it is the responsibility of the coach to notify the Athletic Supervisor first, the field supervisor second, then the opposing coach and the umpire at the game.
3. Unless contacted by the Recreation Department, all teams must show up at the field for games. If halted by inclement weather, teams must stay until a staff person releases them.
4. **There will be no intentionally hitting balls against any facility fencing.**

Section F - PARTICIPATION

1. All players will play defense (maximum of two (2) pitchers and five (5) infielders).
2. All players bat each inning.

Section G - GAME RULES

1. All batters and base runners must wear the helmet with the facemask attached unless in the dugout. If the helmet is removed, the player is out. If the helmet falls off, there is no penalty, but a smaller helmet will be required before the next pitch.
2. The ball will be placed on the tee and the participants will be given the appropriate number of swings to put the ball into play.
2. An inning is complete after all players have batted. All players present at the game will bat in a continuous batting order. If a player is late, they will be added to the bottom of the order.
3. Coaches are encouraged to change the batting lineup each inning so the same player will not bat last each inning.
4. If an out is made the runner will remain on base.
5. **There will be no head first sliding.**
6. There will be no base stealing in these leagues. All runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
7. All baserunners will be allowed to advance 1 base at a time (No doubles, triples, homeruns).