



City of Council Bluffs Tee Ball Rule Book
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TEE BALL RULE BOOK

*****RULES OF CONDUCT – For Players, Parents, Spectators, Coaches, and Umpires:**

All participants in Parks and Recreation programs, including players, parents, spectators, coaches, and umpires, will treat each other with courtesy and respect at all times.

Unsportsmanlike behavior, including (but not limited to) vulgar language, derogatory comments, threatening words or actions, or physical violence of any kind will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action can and will be taken, if warranted.

Umpires have the right to eject players, parents, spectators or coaches from the game or game area. If more severe sanctions are recommended, the Parks and Recreation's policies will be followed (copies of this policy are available upon request).

- I. Pre-Season Meeting
 - A. ***At least one representative from each team MUST attend the pre-season coaches' meeting. If you are unavailable that evening please contact the Recreation Superintendent to make other arrangements.

- II. Coaching Expectations
 - A. Each coach must sign and return the attached "Pledge of Ethics."
 1. All coaches will be held to all Pledge standards for the duration of the season.

- III. Eligibility
 - A. Age Limits
 1. Players must be at least 4 years old as of June 1 and not 6 years old before August 1.
 - B. Birth Certificates and Contracts
 1. Birth certificates are not required for this league.
 2. Signed player contracts/registration forms are required for each player, and must be turned in prior to the registration deadline.
 - C. Maximum Players per Team
 1. A maximum of fifteen (15) players per team is recommended. All players must be listed on the official roster.
 - D. Roster and Payment
 1. A team's complete payment and roster with players' names, birth dates, addresses, ages, coaches' names and phone numbers must be turned in WITH all signed contracts at the registration deadline.

- IV. Scoring and Make-ups
 - A. No score is kept for this league.
 - B. Rainouts and cancellations will be rescheduled at the request of the teams affected. Teams should call the office at 328-4650 for assistance with rescheduling.

- V. Field Measurements and Equipment
- A. Uniforms – Each player will receive one (1) blue and one (1) grey Parks & Recreation Youth Sports t-shirt. Shirts will be given to the coaches at the Coach’s Meeting or can be picked up prior to the first game at the Park & Rec office. Your league schedule will display which shirt to wear at each game. If you choose to get your own team t-shirts that is acceptable, just notify the Park & Rec office when you register your team.
 - B. Pitcher’s position: 40’ from home plate.
 - C. Base distances: 45’ between each.
 - D. Bases, tees and 9” soft core balls will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - E. Bats will be provided, but teams may also bring their own. ONLY official Tee Ball bats may be used.
 - F. Helmets MUST be worn by batter and all base runners.
 - 1. Helmets will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department but it is recommended that each player have their own for sanitary reasons.
 - 2. Catchers should also wear a helmet but full catcher’s gear is not required.
 - G. A coin toss will determine the home team.
 - H. Equipment boxes will be located at each field. These boxes will hold all necessary items (tee, helmets, balls, bats, etc.) for game play.
 - 1. Each coach will receive a key to this box to use for the season.
 - 2. Equipment can also be used for practices at the fields where boxes are located.
 - 3. It is important to make sure that all equipment is returned to the equipment box and locked in at the end of each practice or game.
 - 4. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 328-4650 if any equipment is missing or defective.
 - 5. Games should be canceled if all safety equipment is not available.
- VI. Length of Games
- A. Games will be 4 innings or 1 hour in length.
 - 1. Please don’t start a new inning if you are past 45 minutes.
- VII. Player Participation
- A. The batting order must consist of the entire lineup.
 - B. Line-up remains the same throughout the game (every player batting in order).
 - C. Teams will bat through their entire roster and then switch sides.
 - D. Every player must play at least six consecutive outs in the outfield.
 - 1. Every effort should be made to insure that all players’ playing time is equal.
 - 2. Putting extra players in the field is acceptable
- VIII. Rules of Play
- A. The coach whose team is at bat should place the ball on the tee to indicate that it is time to swing.
 - B. The ball must go 10 feet from the tee before it is playable.
 - C. Infielders MUST play a minimum of 40’ from home plate, including the player in the pitching position.

- D. The catcher should remain away from the plate unless there is the immediate potential for a play at home plate, after the ball has been hit.
- E. There is no leading off bases.
- F. There is no stealing.
- G. There is no sliding or contact of any kind between offensive and defensive players.
- H. Runners can leave a base only after the ball is hit.
- I. Only one base is allowed on an overthrow.
- J. The play is considered over and time is called when the ball reaches the infield.
- K. Runners cannot advance after the ball is returned to the infield.
- L. If the runner is tagged or caught out, they must return to the dugout and wait until the next inning to bat again.

IX. Awards

- A. All players will receive a participation award from the Parks and Recreation Department at the end of the season.

***Parks and Recreation Youth Sports
Roster***

League: _____ Team Name: _____

Coach: _____ Asst. Coach: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Wk Ph: _____ Home Phone: _____ Wk. Ph: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Player's Name	Address	Phone	Birth Date	Age
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COACH'S PLEDGE

1. I will, at all times, make the physical, mental and emotional health of my players my top priority.
2. I will emphasize helping my players grow and develop as people more than winning.
3. I will recognize the individual needs and talents of each of my players.
4. I will be respectful at all times in my dealings with players, parents, spectators, and officials.
5. I will strive to make fun and learning the primary goals for my team.
6. I will abide by all safety considerations, including equipment, facilities, and weather conditions.
7. I will abstain from using profane language in front of my players.
8. I will abstain from using alcohol, tobacco products, or any kind of controlled substances around my players.
9. I will communicate all information about the team to my parents in a timely fashion, including my coaching philosophy, practice times and locations, game times and locations, rainout information, and any other relevant details.
10. I will be a positive role model for all aspects of the game.
11. I will follow all local, state, and association rules for my sport.

Team Name: _____

League: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE