

## *Tee Ball Rules*

Tee Ball is designed to teach young players the basic fundamentals of baseball. Players will be learning how to have fun while also learning the basic fundamentals that they will use in their future athletic career. There is no one winner in Tee Ball. In Tee Ball, everyone is a winner. There is no keeping score, only having fun while learning the great game of baseball.

### Here are a few basic rules that every team must follow.

1. Players must be between the ages of 4 -6 years old. The child must be of age by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they are signing up for.
2. There will be up to twelve players per team. All players must play the entire game.
3. All players must play every defensive position at least once during the season.
4. Every player must bat first and last in the batting line-up at least once during the season.
5. Each game will consist of 4 innings. A half-inning is over once 6 members of the team's roster have batted.
6. Base distances are fifty feet. Safety base will be used at first base.
7. The ball is hit off a tee. There is no pitching.
8. Each player will swing until they hit the ball. If after eight swings the ball does not cross the twenty foot dead ball line, the player will be permitted first base.
9. The ball must go past the twenty foot dead ball line to qualify as a hit.
10. All players must remain in their normal fielding position, which is no more than five feet within the base line, but not directly in the base line until the ball is hit. The pitcher must remain on the pitching rubber until the ball crosses the dead ball line.
11. No player should be inside the dead ball zone (twenty feet from home plate) until the ball is hit.
12. Players will advance every hit until the ball is fielded in the infield. A runner must be over half way to advance to the next base on a ball hit into the outfield. If the runner has not reached the half way point when the infielder has control, they must return to the previous base.
13. There is no stealing. All players must remain on base until the ball is put into play.
14. On the last batter, all base runners will advance all bases until the ball reaches home plate, is controlled by the catcher, and the catcher tags home plate.
15. If a base runner gets out, they must return to the dugout. This is meant to reward the defensive player and encourage the base runners to do their best on each and every opportunity.
16. Batting helmets must be worn by every batter/runner, as well as the catcher.
17. Bats – must be 2-1/4" in diameter, max 14-16 ounces is recommended.
18. Gloves – 10" long max is recommended.
19. Rubber or plastic cleats are recommended.

No Tee Ball rule can be added, deleted or modified without written consent of the Board of Directors of Lindenwald Baseball Inc. and the Millville Baseball League

*For the 2011 season: If the new implementation of the 4 inning game with half of the teams roster batting per half-inning is deemed not effective for the league. By a approval of both Lindenwald Baseball Inc., and the Millville Baseball League's directors the old rule of 3 innings per game and the entire roster batting each inning can be restored. The change back date if warranted would take place no earlier than May 28, 2011 and become effective May 31, 2011 for the second half of the season. If this is not changed by the above date it will be considered permanent standard for both leagues to keep the 4 inning implementation.*