

MCMINNVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

T-BALL/COACH-PITCH RULES

1. An inning ends when a team has batted their roster. Last batter is out when batted ball is returned to the batter's Tee or home plate. Any player making an out on the bases or at their time at bat will return to their bench.
2. Defensively, teams will align with one (1) pitcher position player, one (1) catcher, and no more than six (6) infielders. The pitcher's position will be clearly marked and coaches are expected to rotate players in that position.
3. Games are either 3 innings in length, or no longer than 1 ½ hours.
4. **No** strikeouts. A batted ball must clear the designated home area lines or is declared a foul ball. All batters, base runners, bat-persons **must** wear a batting helmet at all times while on the field.
5. **COACH-PITCH** – Coaches may pitch to their players or have players hit from the Tee if they choose. After 3 swings from coach pitch, ball is placed on Tee. The opposing pitcher/fielder will stand behind coach-pitcher and field the position.
6. **T-BALL** – Coaches may pitch to their players in the 3rd inning, but players have the option to hit from the Tee if they choose. After 3 swings, ball is placed on Tee. The opposing pitcher/fielder will stand behind coach-pitcher and field the position.
7. Players must sit on their bench when their team is at bat.
8. All players will play defensively in the field. Coaches are encouraged to play players at as many different defensive positions as possible through the course of the season.
9. All players will run on and off the playing field. Hustling is much admired.
10. Catchers will stand off the field next to the backstop until the ball is put into play by the batter. Catchers will then assume their position at home plate. Catchers must wear a batting helmet.
11. Players may not advance an extra base when either pitcher's position player or catcher has the ball.
12. Players may only advance bases on a batted ball or an errant throw from a fielder.
13. Coaches are umpires and their calls are final.
14. There are **no** protests of games.
15. No standings or scores are recorded.
16. Coaches are not empowered to change rules or cancel games.
17. Rainout information: Rec Sports website after 4:00 pm on questionable days:
<http://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/parksrec/page/sports-rain-outinclement-weather-information>