

## 2023 MINI Mustangs Tee Ball Rules

1. The Tee Ball (T-Ball) League will consist of 4u and 6u year-olds. Players can play up in an older division, but not down in a younger division. The birth date cut off is April 24, 2023. Whatever age the child is on April 24, 2023 determines the division they are eligible for. Managers shall alert opposing team's managers & players to move infielders back to a deeper field depth for any batter with the potential to hit harder or farther than an average player.
2. Rawlings Tee Ball baseballs will be used. Balls will be supplied for each game at the concession stand. Only Little League bats may be used.
3. All batters and base runners shall wear a Little League approved helmet. NO batter shall take practice swings or wait on deck with a bat in hand before batting. All players waiting to bat shall sit on the ground in a line in foul territory, along their side of the field, far enough away to avoid being hit by the bat and ball.
4. Home team shall have the first base side of the field during games, and Away team shall have the third base side of the field during games. Use at least two coaches while the team is at bat: one to assist the batter and one to line up the children in batting order and assist the next batter in getting ready
5. Players must bat off a tee. NO soft toss, coach pitch or player pitch allowed. Only a coach sets the ball on the tee.
6. The entire team shall take the field. Fill each infield position, including pitcher, first and then fill in the outfield. Four (4) outfielders shall be allowed. Add extra player(s) behind 2<sup>nd</sup> base and centerfield, spread out evenly. NO player shall play catcher. Keep the infielders back to at least the base line. After the play is over, the closest Coach to the ball should instruct the fielder to throw the ball to the pitcher who should then throw it to the Coach on the opposing team who is helping the batter.
7. There will be no strikeouts, base stealing or base leading allowed.
8. Game length will be two innings for 4U division, three innings for the 6U division. An inning will end when all players on both teams have batted. Games are 45 minutes- if for some reason there is extra time, it is up to the umpire and both teams if they would like to continue playing until time expires.
10. The Mustangs/MO Family Sports will be responsible to cancel and re-schedule games due to inclement weather or field conditions.
11. Managers and/or Coaches should be on the playing field to explain and encourage proper fielding & throwing form and to show them proper procedure for play.
12. The entire team roster shall constitute the batting order for each inning.
13. It is STRONGLY encouraged that No defensive player plays the same position for more than one (1) inning per game. All players should play at least one (1) inning in the infield per game. Managers shall rotate players through the field positions, as best you can.
14. Outfielders cannot make an out by tagging a runner or stepping on a base. They must throw the ball back to an infielder
15. The batter cannot be tagged out while running to 1st base after the ball is hit. The fielders must throw the ball to 1st base in order to record an out. Once the batter reaches 1st base he/she becomes a runner and from that point on an out can be recorded by tagging the runner or stepping on a base for a force out.
16. Bases will be 35 feet from each other. Pitcher's mound will be 25 feet from home plate.
17. If a hit ball travels less than then (10) feet from the tee it is a foul ball.

18. The ball shall be live after it is hit into fair territory and shall remain live until it is returned to the infield. The ball shall be considered dead when it reaches the baseline between first and second bases or the baseline between second and third bases. Once the ball is judged dead, the play is stopped, runners still advancing to a base may continue to the next base if they have advanced at least half way to that base. If the runner is not half way to the next base, then he must return to the previous base.

19. On plays where the ball is overthrown in the infield allow the runner to advance one base only. One base is allowed runner(s) on an errant throw that goes into foul territory.

20. Coaches should announce to the fielding team when the last batter comes up to bat. When the last batter hits the ball and the ball is declared dead the play is over.

21. Managers and coaches shall use proper baseball terms when explaining baseball fundamentals with our players.

22. A team can play with a minimum of 5 players on the field. Players may be borrowed from the opposing team if necessary to complete the game..

23. The regular season shall consist of 6 games.

24. Please remember these are kids. Score will not be kept during these games, which are designed to teach, encourage, and grow. We are here to make it fun. So, have fun!

25. No more than 5 coaches on the field at a time, up to 3 coaches on the infield. It can be hard for children to see the bases with any additional adults on the field.