



## **Rules and Regulations – K T-ball & Grade 1 Modified T-ball**

### **I. Team Roster**

- a. All players must be registered through our online, Team Sideline registration system, in order to participate in the program.
- b. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 13 players. Additional players must be approved by the Recreation Coordinator. South Suburban reserves the right to add players to the rosters to reach the minimum of 10.

### **II. Eligibility Rules**

- a. This program is designed for boys and girls grades K & 1st.

### **III. Playing Time**

- a. Games will 55 minutes long.
- b. Except for the need to finish the inning, no play will occur after the 55 minutes of play has elapsed from the beginning of the game. The coaches should hustle their players in and out of the dugout between innings to move the game along.
- c. All individuals are required to receive an equal amount of playing time per session.
- d. A coach is not required to play a player an equal amount of playing time for the following reasons:
  1. Player is sick, injured, or coming off an injury.
  2. Parents' request.
  3. Player misbehavior.

### **IV. Practices**

- a. Teams will meet 1 time per week for a game – this is determined by the division the player has signed up for (either Wednesday or Thursday). Teams will also meet 1 time per week for a practice (2 total meets per week). The day, time, and location of practice will be determined by the head volunteer coach.

### **V. Uniforms**

- a. Each participant is required to wear a south suburban issued jersey. Each player will be given a major league baseball cap.

## **VI. Game Locations**

- a. Games will be played between 5:30 – 7:30 pm on scheduled days, and may be held at the following fields:
  - 1. Cherry Knolls Park (CKP), Willow Creek Park (WCP), or deKoevend Park (DEK).

## **VII. Rainout Line**

- a. 303-219-1150 or [www.rainoutline.com](http://www.rainoutline.com), option 3 (search SSPRD) or use app.
- b. In case of inclement weather, or crisis situations, no decision will be made on the status of the games until 4:00pm. There will be days when a decision may not be made until start time due to late breaking situations.

## **VIII. Rules**

- a. Baseball Size
  - 1. Soft touch 9” baseballs
- b. All games will be played on grass fields with either permanent or temporary backstops.
- c. Score are NOT kept.
- d. Metal cleats are NOT allowed.

## **IX. No umpires will be provided**

- a. Coaches and/or parents will be asked to umpire games. Umpires will coach batters and pitchers based on habits they consistently see and can correct. They will also explain calls that players seem to not understand.
- b. Base distances will be 50’.
- c. Half inning is one time thru the order.

## **X. Batting/Pitching**

- a. Batting order consists of all players on the roster. A late player should be put to the end of the batting order.
- b. Runners put out during play should stay on the base. We want all kids to have the opportunity to run the bases.
- c. Runners may not advance on an overthrow.
- d. Players may not steal home on a dropped ball.
- e. For Kindergarten T-ball, players will hit from a tee. Player will have 6 attempts to put the ball in play. If unsuccessful, player will go to first base. For Grade 1 modified T-ball, player will receive 4 pitches from a coach to hit the ball. If they are unsuccessful, they will then receive 2 attempts to hit the ball from the Tee. If still unsuccessful, player will go to first base.

## **XI. Defense**

- a. Up to 10 participants may take the field.
- b. Coaches with teams greater than 10 players should sub out positions during the game.
- c. Coaches are allowed on the field.
- d. A player is NOT required in the position of catcher.

**Elastic Power:**

The South Suburban Athletics staff reserves the right to establish guidelines for any and all rules or infractions not covered in the league rules and to refuse participation to any individual or coach if they do not obey the rules and regulations and keep within the spirit of sportsmanship.

**Comments on the Rules:**

These rules are intended to create a balance of play; to create an atmosphere of sportsmanship and fair play; and to emphasize cleverness and skill without limiting freedom of individuals or team play. It is important to know the intent and purpose of a rule so that it may be intelligently applied in each play situation. A player or team should not be permitted an advantage which is not intended by a rule. Play will not be permitted to develop which may lead to placing a player at a disadvantage not intended by a rule.

**Alcohol, smoking, and chewing tobacco products in all parks are prohibited.**

Division Matrix					
	T-Ball	Modified T-Ball	Baseball & Softball	Baseball & Softball	Baseball & Softball
Upcoming Fall Grade	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grades 2/3	Grades 4/5	Grades 6/7/8
Co-Rec	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Ball	Soft touch 9"BB	Soft touch 9" BB	Soft touch 9" BB, Soft Touch 11" SB	9" BB, 11 " SB	9" BB, 11" SB
Pitcher	Tee	Tee to Coach	Coach	Coach to Player	Player
# of Pitches	6 tee	4 coach, 2 tee (or 6 tee)	6 pitches	Coach pitch if player reaches 4 ball count	Standard AB
Batter makes an out or doesn't get a hit	Stay/Place on base	Stay/Place on base	Back to dugout	Back to dugout	Back to dugout
Play stops when ball in control	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Leadoffs	No	No	No	No	No
Stealing	No	No	No	No	Yes BB, no SB
Runners advance on overthrow	No	No	No	Yes (1 base)	Yes (1 base)
Catcher's gear	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Coaches allowed on field during play	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (except when pitching)	No
Half inning consists of	Once through order	Once through order	Once through order	3 outs or 7 runs	3 outs or 7 runs
Playing time	55 minutes	55 minutes	55 minutes	75 minutes	90 minutes
Playing field	Grass	Grass	Grass	Dirt	Dirt
Base distance	50'	50'	50'	60' SB, 70' BB	60' SB, 70' BB
Pitchers mound distance	N/A	N/A	N/A	40' SB, 46' BB	40' SB, 46' BB
Score kept	No	No	No	Yes	Yes