



T-Ball League Rules

The City of Fenton Parks and Recreation is governed by rules designed to meet the following goals:

- 1) All players will be given an opportunity to play each game
- 2) Sportsmanship will be promoted at all times
- 3) Player's health and safety shall be promoted at all times

AGE:

Participants in The City of Fenton Parks and Recreation T-Ball League shall be (3) three years old by June of the current year and not be older than (5) five years old by July of the current year.

Playing Field:

1. The playing diamond will have (50) fifty foot baselines and the distance from home plate to second base will be (70) seventy feet and (8) eight and half inches.
2. The pitching distance will be (35) thirty-five feet from the back of home plate.

Equipment:

1. **Each participant must provide his/her own glove.**
2. Only rubber soled cleats or tennis shoes may be worn on the playing field.
3. Aluminum T-ball or Youth baseball bats will be allowed.
4. A protective NOCSAE approved batting helmet that covers the ears and shall be worn by any player batting or playing the catcher's position.
5. Exposed jewelry such as earrings, wrist watches, neck chains, rings, or nose jewelry shall not be worn during the game.
6. City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Department will provide all game equipment.

Coaches and Officials:

1. Coaches are encouraged to arrange and conduct a meeting with parents of the players during the first week of practice.
2. Smoking and chewing tobacco are prohibited in the dugout and on the field. Coaches who choose to chew or smoke are required to leave the field.
3. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on field or near the dugout for any reason.
4. Coaches are allowed and encouraged to be on the field of play assisting their players.

Code Of Ethics/Conduct

1. Poor sportsmanship by any player or coach will not be tolerated.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in banishment from any further participation in City of Fenton leagues, programs, and activities.
3. Penalties will be at the discretion of league supervisor and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

The Game:

1. Games are played at Fenton City Park and have a (1) one-hour time limit
2. Games will last (4) four innings or end once the (1) one hour limit is reached.
3. No inning will start after the (1) one hour time limit.
4. Once contact is made, the batter may only advance one base at a time.
5. If the team in the field gets three outs, the batting team shall continue to hit until all of that teams players have hit one time.

6. The last batter shall be announced before they take the batters box
7. Once the ball is in play, the last batter will run the bases until he/she touches home plate. All runner's will score and they will get to experience a "grand slam"
8. The teams will then switch sides and the home team shall go through the same routine as above. Once the home team has completed their batting, one inning will be complete.
9. Home team is the first team on the schedule.
10. Number of players on the field:
 - Team will be allowed **ALL** fielders on the field at one time
 - There is no catcher position. The home or away team's coach/parent will be responsible for that position.
 - A team may play with (7) seven players. If there are less than (7) seven players, the coaches and field manager may agree to play the game by borrowing player's, etc.
 - No score or standings will be kept for this league.
 - In the event of inclement weather, games will be cancelled for the day. The hotline, (636-349-2223 ext. 5) should be called the day of the game to check the status. The hotline will be updated by 8:00 am. Games that are called off will be made up at the end of the season at the same time that they were originally scheduled and in the order that they are cancelled. If there is no information about the particular dates games, then games will be played as scheduled.

Batting:

1. Each player will have a chance to bat (1) one time per inning. The last batter must be announced and that concludes that half of the inning.
2. Each batter will bat until they hit a fair ball.
3. If a player is unable to bat, the next batter will take their place. There is no penalty for this.
4. All team members must remain in the dugout while their team is batting. There is not on deck batters.
5. The infield fly rule will not be in effect.

Fielding:

1. Once the batter makes contact with the ball, the ball must be fielded and a throw attempt must be made. (This is to encourage players and teach them how the game is played)
2. Parents are encouraged to be with their child on the field and teach them while the game is being played.

Baserunning:

1. There is no leading off or stealing. Baserunners must have one foot on the base at all times.
2. Baserunner can leave the base once the ball makes contact with the bat.

This is a recreational league to teach players the fundamentals of the game of baseball. The main purpose is to have FUN!