

# Cedar Springs Junior Ball League

## Tee Ball Rules

1. **Regulation ball rules shall be in effect except as modified by the following rules.**
2. All games last four innings or 1 ½ hours, whichever comes first.
3. When on defense a maximum of 12 players will be allowed on the field. Equal playing time is the goal.
4. All players will bat in order regardless of defensive assignments.
5. Tennis shoes or cleats are allowed—NO sandals-no metal cleats!
6. Batters must use a batting tee. Batters should be taught the proper batting positions prior to the games so minimal time is spent during the game. The pitcher shall remain in position until the ball is hit.
7. The offensive coach shall be responsible for placing the ball on the tee and positioning themselves in a location at home plate to make calls. Offensive base coach will umpire the bases. Head coaches have final say on all calls.
8. One team warning will be given for throwing the bat—after that an out will occur.
9. Five swings are allowed – after that the runner goes to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
10. No intentional bunts allowed.
11. No stealing allowed—base runners must stay on the base until contact with the ball is made.
12. Once the ball is thrown into the infield or out of the field of play – all play is stopped and runners must stop at the nearest base.
13. There is a 5 run limit per inning for each team.
14. The catcher must wear all equipment provided by the league.
15. All offensive players must be seated on the bench except the batter and any base runners. **Under no exception will there be an on-deck batter swinging the bat.**
16. No chattering is allowed by either team or spectators.
17. The defensive team shall have two coaches in the field as well as a coach stationed behind the catcher to call balls and strikes. This will keep the game going.
18. If there is a disagreement over a call, it will be dealt with by the two head coaches in an observed manner. If it cannot be resolved the game will be called immediately.
19. Coaches may not physically assist base runners but verbal assistance is encouraged.
20. Proper techniques should be taught so fielding a ball and running towards the base runner to tag them out in most situations is not allowed. They should be throwing.
21. Coaches are responsible for their players and parents and should express good sportsmanship at all times. We are here to teach the players the game and to have fun. **Scores will be kept** and should be discussed with your team. Keeping the other teams score silent is part of our non-competitive nature for T-ball.
22. Base length will be 50 feet and the pitching mound is set at 35 feet.