

# **Munson Baseball League, Inc.**

## **2007 T-Ball Rules**

The Munson Baseball League's T-Ball program is a young person's first exposure to organized baseball. The league's vision is simple, introduce baseball, begin teaching simple fundamentals and most of all, have fun. If a child has an enjoyable first experience, they are more likely to return the following season.

### **Coaches Objectives:**

1. Ensure that your players, families and coaches have fun
2. Teach basic game terminology, equipment and field positions
3. Where to run after the ball is hit
4. Where to throw the ball once caught or fielded
5. How to correctly field a grounder
6. How to correctly catch a ball
7. How to correctly throw a baseball
8. How to stand, hold and swing a bat correctly
9. Paying attention to the ball at all times (knowing where it is)
10. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

## Rules:

- Bases are 50' apart and games last three innings
- The home team for each game will supply the game ball and will occupy the third base side bench.
- The home team is responsible to set the field up prior to play and the visiting team will put all equipment away, if there are no games after their own.
- Every player will wear a helmet when batting or base running
- The team at bat hits one at a time, through the lineup regardless of how many outs occur. We play with the last batter rule. This is where the coach announces, "this is my last batter". After the last hitter hits the ball, all runners continue to run until the last batter crosses home plate. The will end the inning.
- Outs are not kept track of, but if a player is put out he/she must return to the bench. It is important to teach them right away that it is okay to be out and that it is part of the game.
- Force outs are allowed at any base. It is a part of the game and should encourage interest in the defensive side of the game and kids get enthusiastic about making outs, and it should also instill in kids more urgent base running in order to avoid being forced out.
- **For the first half of the season, all batters must hit off the tee.** There are no strikeouts or limits to foul balls.
- The ball must be hit past the dead zone (an arc in front of home plate, approximately 10 feet away), in order to be deemed in play.
- For the second half of the season, it is important that coach pitching begin. Each batter should receive three pitches. If the ball is not hit into play after the third pitch, the ball must be placed upon a tee, and the batter will be given unlimited swings to put the ball in play.
- No throwing the bat. Give a bat thrower two warnings, if the player does it a third time, they are out.
- Base runners may only leave the bag, when the bat makes contact with the ball
- All players play in the field, every inning. The pitchers position is fielded at all times
- The position of pitcher is fielded at all times in the season, even during coach pitch
- Both teams ensure that the field is clean and all trash is properly disposed of
- Most important rule "HAVE FUN".