



TEE BALL LEAGUE RULES 2017

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I. Kenston Community Education Mission Statement

The mission of the Kenston Community Education Youth Sports Program is to promote participation by all Kenston School District residents in team and individual sports. Programs are designed to meet participant needs for physical activity, social interaction, fun, and skill development.

II. Purpose of KCE Youth Baseball

The purpose of KCE Coach Pitch Baseball is to provide training in the sport of baseball in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play with an equal opportunity for growth of individual skills, team play and the true enjoyment of playing baseball. Rules are created to ensure participants have an opportunity to develop baseball skills at the age appropriate levels.

III. Registration

All participants must be properly registered through Kenston Community Education.

IV. Rosters

- a. Team rosters will be determined by league officials to create as much balance in the league as possible.
- b. Creating balance is a difficult process and KCE will rely on the volunteer coaches to assist in keeping all games/contests fair and equitable.

V. Equipment

- a. Kenston Community Education will furnish necessary practice equipment and game balls.
- b. The official game ball for T-Ball is a 9", RIF-1 (Reduced Injury Factor).



VI. Practice

- a. A session is defined as either a game or a practice.
- b. Each team will be permitted one (1) to two (2) sessions per week prior to the games as scheduled by KCE.
- c. Once games officially start, there may not be any weekday practices if there are weekday games (due to game schedules and field availability). Additional practices will only be scheduled if there is a big gap in a team's game schedule and if a field is available.

VII. Uniforms

- a. Kenston Community Education will provide game shirts and caps for each registered player.
- b. It is recommended that players wear gray or white baseball pants.
- c. No metal cleats are permitted.
- d. No jewelry is permitted to be worn during practices or games. This includes necklaces, earrings, studs, bracelets, etc. Medical identification bracelets are permitted but should be covered with a wristband or other soft material.

VIII. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

- a. Every effort must be made by coaches, parents and players to cooperate with officials and league personnel.
- b. Players, coaches and spectators will be expected to display good sportsmanship at all times
- c. Prior to and during each game all coaches are required to promote fair play and sportsmanship.
- d. Coaches are permitted on the field to assist players with positioning and game play.
- e. Any player, coach or spectator demonstrating poor sportsmanship, an incident report must be filled out and reported to the KCE office as well as the KCE board for recommendation of punishment.
- f. Only positive cheering is permitted. Coaches should ensure that all coaches, players and spectators act in a manner consistent with the purpose of providing a fun, non-competitive environment for the children.

IX. Scorekeeping and Standings

- a. Score will not be kept in the Tee Ball League.
- b. No standings will be maintained.

X. Game Time

- a. Game time is start time.
- b. All coaches should ensure that their players arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of any game.
- c. If a team is short-handed coaches should work together to ensure that a game can be played.
- d. Teams should share the field prior to the game to conduct warm-ups.
- e. In the case of inclement weather KCE will post the announcement on the web site at www.kenstoncommunityed.org by 5:00 on weekdays and 8:00 AM on Saturday. If no notification is made teams are expected to arrive for the regularly scheduled game until the game umpires decide whether the game will be played or not.



XI. Game Rules

- a. No umpires will be used during the game.
- b. The distance between bases shall be 45 feet.
- c. The player in the pitcher's position shall stand 45 feet from home plate.
- d. Prior to each game, the opposing coaches shall determine whether or not all kids will hit off the tee or be pitched to.
- e. If coaches decide to pitch to players, ALL players must be pitched to. Each player shall receive a maximum of three (3) pitches. If the player fails to hit the ball after three pitches, the ball shall be placed on the tee.
- f. Coaches can agree to use the tee for one or more innings and then pitch to batters.
- g. If coaches do not agree to a format, then all players must bat off the tee.
- h. All players present must be included in the batting order.
- i. All players must wear a batting helmet when batting or on-deck.
- j. No catcher should be used.
- k. Defensively, all players should be rotated into and during the game.
- l. No player shall remain on the bench for two (2) consecutive innings.
- m. A game is defined as three (3) innings or one (1) hours, whichever happens first. No inning should begin after 60 minutes have passed since the beginning of the game.
- n. Each player in the batting order shall bat each inning. The inning ends when all players on the team have batted once.
- o. Batters should advance one base at a time. No extra base hits shall be allowed.
- p. No leadoffs or stealing is permitted.
- q. Base runners may not advance on an overthrown ball.
- r. All team players must remain on the bench except for the batter and the on-deck batter. No practice swings may be taken unless in a fenced on-deck area.
- s. If possible, all rainouts will be rescheduled. If no fields are available, rainouts will be deleted from the schedule.

XII. Post Season

- a. No post-season games will be played in Tee Ball.

XIII. Participation Awards

- a. Participation Awards will be given in Tee Ball.

