



# **2021 Bentonville Parks and Recreation Baseball**

## **Spring Season - 4-year-old League Cal Ripken T-Ball**

### **League Rules**

- **4.01** Official Babe Ruth League Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules and any additional BYB Board approved League/Park Rules will regulate play. There will be absolutely NO special rules agreed upon between the coaches.
- **4.02** Game time will be 45 minutes, regardless on innings or completion of the batting order. An inning is over when the team has gone thru the lineup. However, players that are out are to go back to the dugout. It is the initial stage of teaching the “out” rules of the game.
- **4.03** All players will play in the field and all rostered players present at the game shall bat in the lineup.
  - **Defensive (in the field)**
    - **4.03.A** All players not playing in the traditional infield positions will play on the grass in the outfield. The traditional infield is made up of P, C, 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> bases and shortstop.
    - **4.03.B** The pitcher will wear a helmet and should be in contact with the rubber and make a pitching motion before the batter swings at the ball.
    - **4.03.C** The catcher takes the position behind the plate - standing behind the hitting coach. The offensive coach at the tee will need to assist and protect the opposing catchers.
    - **4.03.D** Players are required to rotate positions at each inning, so that each player gets an opportunity to play different positions
  - **Offensive (batting)**
    - **4.03.E** All rostered players present at the game are in the lineup and will bat. Players must remain in the batting order. Late players are inserted at the end of the lineup.
    - **4.03.F** All batters will wear a batting helmet when on the field of play, whether as an on-deck hitter, a batter, or a base runner.
    - **4.03.G** All hitters will hit the ball from a batting tee. The tee should be adjusted to such a height the batter will be able to **swing level.**
    - **4.03.H** Three complete misses of the ball while batting constitutes a strike out.
    - **4.03.I** No Stealing or leading-off is allowed.
    - **4.03.J** No courtesy runners.
- **4.04** Only T-Ball softie balls are to be used. No Hard or regular league baseballs.
- **4.05** The league will follow the rules regarding bats set forth by the Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken organization, including any changes that may occur during the course of the season.
- **4.06** A 10-minute warm-up will take place at each team’s respective dugout side on the field. Effectively dividing the field in half for warm-ups.