

## **Grand Chute Baseball League T-Ball Rules - 2025**

Our main objective as coaches is to help develop the children's athletic skills, encourage sportsmanship, as well as to teach the game of baseball. But most importantly, it is for the children to have fun and enjoy playing the game.

At the T-Ball level all players get equal playing time regardless of the score. Learning to be competitive and developing an understanding of winning and losing is very important, but teaching the fundamentals is our goal.

Basic things to teach:

- Running the bases correctly.
- Running through first on an infield hit.
- Proper defensive stance.
- Proper batting stance.
- Proper throwing motion.
- Game situations (what base to throw to, etc.)
- Rules of the game.

When a situation occurs on the field, please take the time to explain to the players what occurred. This will help them to develop a greater understanding of the game.

1. Games will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour, whichever occurs first. (Remember if you start an inning and time expires, you still finish the inning).
2. An inning will consist of 6 runs or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
3. The infield will consist of six players including the catcher. The outfield will have a maximum of five players.
4. No player will sit out defensively for more than one inning.
5. First and third base coaches will also act as umpires for those bases.
6. A maximum of two coaches will be allowed in the outfield while on defense, one of the coaches will function as second base umpire.
7. Have an adult behind the catcher to help with missed balls; this will help in keeping the game moving along. (Remember the more playing time the kids get the more fun they will have).
  - a. This adult should remove the Tee after the ball has been hit so the catcher can move up to play his position.

8. One base will be allowed on an overthrow to first base.
9. Players should wear protective head gear when on deck, batting, while running the bases or while playing catcher.
10. No headfirst sliding.
11. No player shall play the same position more than two innings per game.
12. When the ball is hit the runners may advance. No stealing is allowed.
13. Any pop fly/line drive caught is dead ball situation. Players allowed to go back to base.
14. The last team named on the schedule is the home team, has a third base dugout and will provide one new and one good used game ball.
15. All teams are responsible for the garbage in their dug out and around bleachers.