SUMMER TEE BALL OFFICIAL MODIFIED PLAYING RULES

For Players, Coaches & Families

These rules have been designed specifically for the Rangers Summer Tee Ball Comp.

The objective is to keep the game simple, safe, active and fun, while giving every child an opportunity to bat, field and run.

FIELD

Bases are set at approximately:

50 feet

The distance may be adjusted as the competition progresses.

Diamonds

Three diamonds are used:

- Main Diamond
- Left Field Mini Diamond
- Right Field Mini Diamond

BALL

The competition uses: 8.5-inch RIB safety balls

BATTING

Tee batting only.

All players hit from a batting tee.

Every player bats every inning.

There are no strikeouts.

Unlimited swings.

A batter continues to have opportunities until they make contact.

Foul ball line

A foul ball line may be used for small or weakly hit balls.

End of inning

Once all seven batters have hit, the inning ends.

FIELDING

Seven players are on the field.

Infield

1. Pitcher
2. First Base
3. Second Base
4. Shortstop
5. Third Base

Outfield

6. Centre Left
7. Centre Right

The opposing coach catches behind the plate. - Let's not make outs at home.

FIELDING ROTATION

Players should rotate through positions.

Suggested rotation:

P → 1B → RF → 2B → SS → LF → 3B

The purpose is to ensure players experience different positions.

RUNNING

No stealing.

Players cannot steal bases.

No leading off.

Players must remain on their base until contact is made.

Running on contact

The runner may leave the base once the batter makes contact.

OUTS

Outs can be recorded by:

- Catching a batted ball
- Force plays
- Tagging a runner

However:

THREE OUTS DO NOT END THE INNING.

The game is played as though there are zero outs for the purpose of continuing the batting sequence.

Every player still bats every inning.

********* Outs DO count toward the score - GOLDEN POINT.

CAUGHT BALLS

When a ball is caught:

All runners must tag up before advancing.

Players must return to their original base and retouch it before advancing after a caught ball.

OVERTHROWS

On an overthrow:

A runner may take a maximum of one extra base.

Coaches and Game Leaders should use common sense and keep the game moving.

SCORING

Scores are kept - Coaches have supplied Whiteboards to record scores. Keep these in your hands, coaches.

Batting runs

A maximum of:

7 batted runs per inning is recorded.

This reflects the seven players batting through the lineup.

Runners left on base

Any runners remaining on base at the end of the inning are counted as having scored.

Defensive outs

Each out made by the fielding team is rewarded with a **GOLDEN POINT:**

1 run toward the fielding team's score.

This rewards defensive effort as well as attacking play.

GAME LENGTH

Games are: 60 MINUTES Games finish after 60 minutes regardless of the number of innings completed.

SCORE & LADDER

The competition ladder awards:

Result	Points
Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1

The team with the most runs for determines the top position where required.

SAFETY

Safety is the priority.

Players should:

- Wear batting helmets when batting.
- Listen to the coach/Game Leader.
- Remain in the designated team area when not playing.
- Never throw bats.

- Follow coach directions around the field.

The use of safety baseballs is designed to make the competition suitable for young players.

COACHES

Coaches should:

- Ensure every player bats.
- Rotate players through positions.
- Encourage players.
- Explain rules simply.
- Keep the game moving.
- Promote sportsmanship.
- Support the Game Leader.
- Prioritise safety and enjoyment.

SPIRIT OF THE RULES

The Rangers Summer Tee Ball Comp is not intended to be a traditional baseball competition.

The modified rules are designed to ensure:

Everyone bats. Everyone fields. Everyone runs.

Everyone gets involved. Everyone has fun.

Coaches and Game Leaders should use common sense when applying rules and always consider the age and ability of the players.

THE GOLDEN RULE HAVE FUN!

The purpose of the Rangers Summer Tee Ball Comp is to introduce children to baseball in a positive, inclusive and family-friendly environment.

Winning is great.

But creating children who love playing baseball is the real goal.