

Manchester T-Ball Rules – Official Policy

All players must play each inning and coaches must work hard to avoid bunching on the field.

All players will bat each inning.

When a player is at bat, they **MUST** hit from the Tee.

All players will advance one base at a time.

When the last batter hits the ball, all players on bases will run all the way home and end the half inning.

FIRST HALF RULE (APRIL AND MAY)

Coaches will **NOT** pitch to the kids. This is an instructional age group and the fundamentals are to be worked on.

SECOND HALF RULE (BEGINNING MEMORIAL WEEKEND)

First inning rules apply.

As your team starts to grasp batting techniques, coaches may start to pitch from the knee allowing up to 6 pitches regardless of the child's ability. If no hit is made, the tee must be set up. The next time at bat, give the child a choice of coach pitching or the tee. This is the child's decision, **NOT** the parents. Let the child decide so that their self-esteem is positively reinforced regardless of the outcome or skill level.

Remind the kids and parents that pros use the tee 90% of their swings as a tool and this is only to help the child learn a level swing and proper swing and stance.

DUGOUT RULES

When batting in your half inning, your team parent and/or parents should be coordinating the children in the dugout. Children should **NOT** be playing with bats or ball when sitting in the dugout. Children should be encouraged to cheer for their team members at bat. Children should **NOT** leave the dugout or wander unless accompanied by his/her parent or guardian.

All children who are directed by a team parent or coach to leave the dugout to bat, be "on deck" or help pick up bats during your half of the inning **MUST WEAR A BATTING HELMET. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

WEATHER

During a game and/or practice, if you hear **ANY** thunder, even if the sun is out, the game or practice is **OVER**. The kids use aluminum bats and are around fences. They will be like lightning rods. "Where there's thunder, there's lightning."