



P A R K S & R E C R E A T I O N

City of Evans
5-6 Year Olds Hot Shot T-Ball
& 7-8 Year Old Hot Shot Coach Pitch

Rules and Regulations

Tee Ball and Coach Pitch are activities designed to teach elementary aged participants the basic rules of baseball and softball. It eliminates disadvantages of numerous walks and action-less play caused by the pitcher's inability to control the ball. In addition, more time is spent on the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, running, and throwing. Other modifications adapted to the ability of the players are as follows:

Purpose:

1. To allow participants to have **fun**.
2. To allow all participants the opportunity to **participate**.
3. To **teach** the basic skills and fundamentals of the game.
4. To provide an environment in which participants learn **sportsmanship**.
5. To provide Youth participants with the **opportunity** to learn baseball/ softball skills without the pressure of win-loss records.
6. To provide participants with a chance to **develop** social, motor and movement skills.

Rules:

A. Equipment

1. All players must provide their own glove.
2. Aluminum or metal cleats are not allowed. Only rubber or plastic cleats will be deemed acceptable for play.
3. Uniforms will be provided by the sponsoring recreation agency.

B. Measurements

1. Game Ball
 - 5-6 Year Olds Soft Pitch Baseball
 - 7-8 Year Olds Soft Pitch Baseball
2. Bases: the playing field will be white chalk.
 - 5-6 Year Olds Bases will be 50' from home plate
 - 7-8 Year Olds Bases will be 50' from home plate
3. Batting Circle: There will be a 6' diameter circle around home plate.
 - No players except the batter may be inside circle.
 - Ball must be hit through circle boundary and in fair territory for hit to be live.

C. Playing Rules

1. Field Players
 - 5-6 Year Olds All defensive players allowed on the field.
 - 7-8 Year Olds 10 players.
4-Outfielders 4- infielders' 1-pitcher 1- catcher
2. Batting Order:
 - Batting order is left to the discretion of the coach, but once it is established it must stay the same.
 - All players present will bat in order.



3. **Players to Bat:**
 - All players present at game will bat each inning. Innings end when all players have batted, not when there are three outs.
4. **Scoring:**
 - Score and standings will not be kept.
5. **Rules:**
 - Hitters run on any fair ball.
 - All players at bat must wear helmets provided by the City of Evans.
 - Base runners can not lead off, nor can they steal bases.
 - No Sliding will be allowed. It will be an automatic out and child will be asked to return to team bench.
 - Base runners may advance only on a hit ball.
 - Any Batter that throws his/her bat will be out and have to go to team bench.
 - All play will end when the ball is thrown towards infield.
 - It is recommended that coaches and/ or parents help out in the field during games. There may be one person at first base, one person at third base, and no more then two in the out field.
 - Bunts are not allowed. Players must take a full swing at ball.
6. **T-Ball Specifics**
 - Each Batter is allowed three swings. Following the third swing batter will be able to go to first base.
 - Bunts are not allowed. Players must take a full swing at ball.
 - Players out may continue to run the bases.
7. **Coach Pitch Specifics**
 - Each player will remain at bat until ball is hit in fair territory or the maximum of five pitches is reached. After the fourth pitch the player may choose to hit from a tee. Following five pitches or four pitches and one try from the tee the player will be considered out.
 - The coach from the batting team will pitch to their own team. Over hand or underhand is acceptable. Pitching style should be determined by the player hitting.
 - Players out will have to return their team bench.

D. Playing Time

1. A game will consist of five innings.
2. No new inning will begin after fifty (50) minutes of play.
3. Games that end in tie will stay tied.

E. Inclement Weather:

1. Coaches and or parents can call the weather line at 475-1135 for updated weather cancellations.
2. Games will be rescheduled according to availability of field space. There will be no guarantee of make up games.
3. Games will be made up during the week of July 25 and the week of August 1st if necessary. We will guarantee 6 games, but schedule for 8 weeks for any possible weather cancellations. Make-up games do not include any forfeit games.
4. **The City of Evans recommends that if any thunder or lightning is heard or seen all outdoor activity should be stopped. The National Lightning Safety Board states, "If you see it, flee it. If you can hear it (Thunder) clear it." (<http://www.lightningsafety.com>) Then wait thirty minutes after the last sighting to resume activity.**

