

# Summerball

## NORTHSHORE YMCA - Teeball Rules

1. Length of bases will be 45 feet apart.
2. Players will advance one base at a time after the ball is in play.
3. The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in each inning. Then the line up will flip the next inning (ex. Player bats 1<sup>st</sup> inning one, bats last inning 2).  
*\*possible change to this rule- Teams may bat ½ their team each inning..go on defense...then bat the other ½. This way the kids are not standing around as long and wont get bored as quickly.*
4. The entire roster of players shall be used defensively.
  - (1) All extra players shall be outfielders, stationed not less than 15 feet behind the baselines.
5. (2) To encourage rotation of players, no player shall remain at the same defensive position more than one inning, and no player shall remain in the outfield more than two innings.
6. Batters are not permitted to bunt or swing easy at the ball.
7. PENALTY: Batter shall be called back to the plate, the ball is dead and no runners may advance.
8. It is suggested a 10-foot arc be inscribed in front of home plate, from the first to the third base foul line, and any batted ball which does not travel beyond that line be considered a foul-strike for purposes of this rule.
9. There are no walks or strikeouts, but the batter will take 1<sup>st</sup> base after 5 unsuccessful swings.
10. The pitcher CAN NOT tag out a batter trying to get to first. This rule is meant to force the kids to make the force out by throwing to first base.  
PENALTY: Runner is safe at first. Pitchers can tag out other runners advancing to other bases.
11. Base runners are not permitted to steal or leadoff base and shall remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
12. The pitcher shall remain in contact with the pitcher's mound until the batter hits the ball. (Coach will draw a circle to mark the mound for pitcher to stay in).
13. When at bat, three Adult coaches may be positioned with the hitting team as follows: two coaches may be positioned in foul territory inside each respective coaches box while their team is at bat, and one positioned at the tee in foul territory for instruction of teach proper batting procedures. It is this coach who is responsible for removing the batting tee after the ball has been hit.
14. Two defensive coaches (adults) will be allowed in the outfield to help direct and coach their defensive players
15. LENGTH OF GAMES  
Not more than one hour in length regardless of innings played.
  - (1) No inning shall begin after one hour.
  - (2) Innings started before one hour shall will not completed.
16. If sufficient players from one team are not available, players from the opposing team may be assigned to that team for that game to bring the roster of each team up to the minimum of seven players. If you have eight players or less you may play the field without a catcher.
17. Coaches will meet before the game to go over any changes they want to make in the rules. All coaches must agree to any change before starting the game. Any rule may be changed if coaches feel it will make the game better for the kids.