## TNT T-Ball Rules

Base length is 60 feet

The pitching circle shall be defined as the area in the center of the diamond. The area will be outlined by a circle 16 feet in diameter with a pitching rubber in the center 35 feet from Home plate.

Fair ball Arc is 10 feet in diameter centered on the tip of home plate.

Ball size is 11 inch USSSA stamped

The pitcher is a fielding position only. The pitcher must have one foot on the pitching rubber.

No defensive player may play closer to home than the 35' hash mark. Infielders must be behind the 35' hash mark.

There will be up to 10 defensive players on the field.

- A maximum of 6 players, including the pitcher and catcher may be on the infield (inside the diamond).
- o Outfielders must stay at least 10' behind the bases.
- o First and Second base fielders must stay on the right side of the infield until the ball is hit off the tee.
- o Shortstop and Third base fielders must stay on the left side of the infield until the ball is hit off the tee.
- o No defensive player can play closer to Home plate than where the pitcher is positioned.

One coach from the team that is batting will be responsible for adjusting the tee to the satisfaction of the hitter. The coach will place the ball on the tee. The umpire will call aloud "play ball". The coach is responsible for removing the tee and bat from the playing area after the ball has been hit fairly out of the catcher's circle. Teams are allowed to use their own tee.

The batter is allowed three swings. If the batter fails to hit the ball after the third swings, she will be called out. It is not counted as a swing if the batter accidentally knocks the ball off the tee while addressing the ball.

No bunting is allowed.

Runners may not advance if the ball does not travel outside the Fair Ball Arc.

The catcher must stay behind home plate. And to the opposite side of the batter until the ball is hit. The catcher may not interfere with the batter.

Catcher MUST wear helmet with mask and a chest protector.

When any fielder has control of the ball and the lead runner is stopped at a base the umpire will declare the ball dead and play will stop.

The infield fly rule is not in effect.

All ground rules will be discussed before the game. The umpire shall inform both coaches of the existing ground rules, dead ball areas and other specific runs before the game begins.