

City of Anderson Parks and Recreation Department
Tee Ball Rules (4-6 Year Olds)

Program Mission Statement:

Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs. To teach all participants to enjoy physical activities, promote a sense of achievement, help participants learn something about others, teach participants how to interact with friends and help participants feel closer to an adult figure.

Organization:

1. There will be a maximum of 13-14 players on each team.
2. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 13-14 returning ballplayers on a first come-first served basis. These players must have played with this team last season to be considered returning.
3. Teams may have the child or children of one head coach, but they are included in the 13-14 returning. Three (3) assistant coaches can be picked up after teams are divided or the assistants can be used from the previous.
4. Once the team selection is completed, no players will be allowed to change teams unless deemed necessary by the Recreation Department Staff.
5. **REQUEST WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED.**
6. **NO PLAYER PARTICIPATING IN TEE BALL SHALL TURN 7 BEFORE April 30. EACH PLAYER SHOULD TURN 4 BEFORE April 30. PLAYERS NOT MEETING THESE GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEE BALL AGE GROUP.**
7. *Because outside teams are not subject to the same player selection process as the City of Anderson Recreation Department teams, they will not be considered in the league standings.*

LEAGUE PLAY:

1. All players present will play the entire ballgame on offense and defense. All players will bat each inning. No score will be officially kept or recognized.
2. The time limit for each game will be 1 hour and 15 minutes. Once an inning begins, it must be completed. The games may consist of 3 or 4 innings depending on time. However, each game does not have to go 3 innings due to weather, time-limit or darkness, or any other situation deemed an emergency or detrimental to the game by the Field Supervisor.
3. There will be no forfeits. A team will play the number of players that are present for the game.
4. Each team will maintain it's own line-up card. The batting order should remain the same throughout the game and the offensive coach shall notify the umpire of the last batter.
5. To retire the side on the last batter you must:
 - a. Get the batter out by fly, force, tag-out, or
 - b. Force or tag-out a base runner, or
 - c. Have home plate tagged by any infielder with the ball in hand.
6. Each batter will get six swings to hit the ball. A foul ball on the third strike will result in an extra swing.
7. There will be an arc placed between home plate and the pitcher's mound. A hit ball must travel beyond the mark. A player must wait until a ground ball crosses the line to field it. However, he may enter the area to catch a fly ball.
8. **Base runners are allowed to stay on the base even though they may be out. This is to teach proper base running. This league is intended as an instructional league only and no one should be involved for competitive reasons. If the batter swings the bat, it is an automatic out.**

9. **There will be no intentional rolling of the ball to a base to get the runner out.**
10. **The player occupying the pitcher's position must attempt to throw the ball to a base if he fields it within the area of the mound. He may not continually run the ball to the base to get the runner out. First offense warning, after the first warning each additional time the runner(s) will be placed at the base they would advance to.**
11. Time will be called when the ball is on the infield and no play is being attempted. Runners will be awarded bases according to where they were when time is called. Over halfway moves up, less than halfway goes back.
12. Three coaches will be allowed in the outfield while the team is on defense. They should not interfere with play but will help position and guide the players.
13. When the team is on offense, a coach should be in each base-coaching box and shall assist the players at bat.
14. No Umpires will be used.

CONDUCT:

The Field Supervisor will warn anyone not following these rules. A second offense means the individual(s) will be asked to leave and should they not leave, the proper authorities will be contacted.

1. Players, coaches and parents must at all times display a manner that exhibits sportsmanship and good will.
2. No profanity or abusive language will be allowed at any time on city property.
3. Any discussion on the field will involve only one coach, and officials present.
4. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises. Any person found to be under the influence will be asked to leave the area.
5. The use of all tobacco products will be prohibited during the game. One warning will be issued before ejection. Repeated offenses will result in suspension.
6. The umpire is in control of the game. In the event a team fails to respect the umpire's authority or decisions, the umpire is instructed to forfeit the game to the other team after one warning has been given that such action will be taken.
7. If a player, coach, or manager is put out of the game, he may be seated in the stands. If he continues to argue or show unsportsmanlike conduct, he will be asked to leave the field. If he does not leave, the game will be forfeited.
8. Any coach or player ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for the following game as well. A second offense will result in an immediate suspension. A hearing will be scheduled at the Recreation Department Office. The coach or player will not be allowed to play or coach until a hearing is held. The results of this hearing will determine eligibility for the remainder of the season.

RAIN-OUT POLICY:

In case of rain on a scheduled game day, the decision will not be made until after 3:00pm. To find out the status of game, you may call 226-2489 from a touch-tone phone. If at all possible we will also try to post this information on the City of Anderson Website – www.cityofandersonsc.com. ***If rain comes after 5:00pm, the decision will be made at the field, by the field supervisor and/or the umpire(s). If your game is rained out on Monday or Tuesday you may play Wednesday of that same week. If you have a game rained out on Thursday or Friday you may play Saturday of that same week. If you have a game both Thursday and Friday you may play the Saturday of that same week and the Wednesday of the following week. The rescheduling of ballgames sometimes deals with the number of games that are already scheduled during that week. All games are rescheduled if at all possible. On occasion some games are not rescheduled due to the time of the season when it is rained out. Please remember that our rain patterns are sketchy at times – if you are not sure, please go to the field to avoid forfeits. In case of rain on a scheduled practice day, you will need to call your team coach. With the number of teams and other activities that we have, it is impossible for us to keep up with individual team schedules. Find out from the coach what the contingency plans may be for bad weather.***