

## SIYAA T-Ball Rules-Revised February 7, 2011

1. Age Requirements: Must be at least 5 by 9/1 of playing year (Rising K can play). If you meet age requirement for next level you must move to next level. (if player is not 7 by 9/1 they may play T-Ball) If parents chose to move/play their child up a level, the player must have played minimum of 1 year of T-Ball.
2. Maximum roster size is 15 players. SIYAA recommends 10-12 players per team.
3. All players will play in the field on defense. No more than 7 players may play in the infield with a player in a normal pitching position.
4. Length of game: Official game is 45 minute time limit. No new innings may start after 45 minutes has expired. 45 minutes will constitute a full game if the game should be terminated for any reason.
5. Everyone present unless injured or sick must bat each inning. Each team is to bat the same number of batters (ie: One team has 15 players, the other has 10. Each team is to bat 15 players. The team with 10 players will rotate batter by batter first 10 then the first 5. Second inning #6-10 batters will bat first, then the top of the order. Third inning will lead off with the first batter as in first inning and continue on.)
6. Each batter to get a total of 4 pitches/swings to hit the ball into fair ground. At the coach's discretion the 4 pitches can be split between coach's pitch and T or all off the T/or all pitched. **Total not to exceed 4 pitches.** Ball must be hit past 15' arc on the field to be fair. Failure to do so after the 4<sup>th</sup> swing is an out.
7. An arc will be placed at 15' from home plate. The ball must clear the arc before it will be played.
8. The batter may be called out for slinging the bat. A warning may be issued on the first offense.
9. All runners must remain on the base until the ball is hit. No stealing.
10. When a player is out, he/she should come off of the base and return to the bench. Do not allow players that are out to remain on the base.
11. Home team to furnish batting tee for home games. Home is always listed first on schedule.
12. No catcher.
13. Batters must wear protective helmets. Chin straps on helmet preferred, but not mandatory. All players must wear a glove.
14. Only 2 defensive coaches allowed in the outfield.

South Iredell Young Athletes Association T-ball is designed for boys and girls ages 5 and 6. Absolutely NO SCORE will be kept nor any standing maintained. Every attempt should be made to teach basic skills and maintain a safe, fun atmosphere while competition is de-emphasized. Any coach attempting otherwise will be subject to removal.