

# **BERNARD HOLLAND**

## **BENTON YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

### **4 & 5 T Ball – Rules of Play**

- 1 Playing age shall be 4-5 years old.
- 2 The soft type baseball will be used for games and practices.
- 3 The team on defense will have a pitcher position player, first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, and third baseman. All infielders, including the pitcher, will play a minimum of 46 feet from home plate. All remaining players will play outfield and will play no closer than the grass line that separates the infield from the outfield. In our case being an all grass infield, it will be the coaches discretion to determine the outfield. Please have them at their positions.
- 4 Games will be 2 to 3 innings in length. Each team will bat round robin. All players will bat in each inning. The offensive inning will end when the last batter of the inning completes his or her at bat and all players on base, including the batter-runner score. Outs are not to be recorded. The score will not be kept.
- 5 Two adults will be allowed to coach defense. No touching players or ball. Offensive coaches are not allowed to touch the runners.
- 6 Helmets must be worn by the batter, base runners and on deck hitters at all times.
- 7 The ball will be placed on a tee and the batter has five swings and five swings only including foul balls to hit the ball fair or he or she is retired.
- 8 No stealing bases.
- 9 No bunting.
- 10 One base is allowed on an overthrow at first base.
- 11 Time will be called when the ball is controlled by the defense on the infield with no runner attempting to advance.
- 12 In order to teach players of this age the rules of baseball, runners put out while running the bases will be retired to the dugout.
- 13 Coaches, please try to keep players in position. Also try to teach players to only go after the ball if it is to hit to them. We need to help them progress on to the next level as much as possible. They need to learn a position. Rotate players as needed to as many positions as possible.

REVISED MARCH 2018

mcw