

Medicine Hat Minor Softball Association

T-ball Division - Rules

- All teams are to follow the Learn to Play manual with a practice beginning at 6:15;
- Games will start at 6:45pm;
- Distance between the bases is 30 feet;
- Batters must wear a helmet or they will not be permitted to bat;
- Batters must use bats and balls supplied by the Association;
- The pitcher must keep both feet on the rubber, or pitching area, until the ball is hit;
- A ball is foul identical to conventional softball rules with two exceptions. A ball is foul if it travels less than 10 feet in fair territory from home plate, or the batter hits the tee with the bat causing the ball to fall from the tee;
- All players on the roster will be given a defensive position;
- When all defensive players are in position and ready, the coach will place the ball on the tee and say "play ball";
- Games are 4 innings or one and one half hour time limit;
- If there is an overthrow on any attempted play at a base, the runners will be permitted to advance at their own risk, but not more than one base. One base will be awarded if the ball goes into a dead ball area;
- All players will bat;
- Strikeouts are not permitted;
- If possible, batters should only have 3 practice swings;
- Players are to change positions after each inning. No player shall play the same position more than once per game;
- The infield must switch with the outfield after 2 innings;
- Stoppage of play occurs when the ball touches the infield, with the exception of the last batter;
- The coach must advise the opposition when the last batter is up;
- After the last batter has hit, stoppage of play occurs when the catcher places the ball on the Tee;
- Throwing of the bat is an automatic out;
- No running of the ball from the outfield, no rolling or running the ball to the bases. Players are encouraged to throw;
- Players must throw the ball overhand where at all possible. Underhand will be allowed within 3-5 feet of the bases;
- There are 3 outs per inning, or once through the batting order, whichever comes first; and
- T-shirt, trophy/medal and year end picnic is provided.

House League Play

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Days</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Diamond(s)</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| TBall | Monday & Wednesday | 6:15pm-7:45pm | Elm Street, George Davison, Vincent Massey or St. Thomas |

Addresses:

Elm Street School, 1001 Elm Street SE, George Davison School, 155 Sprague Way SE,

Vincent Massey School, 901 Hargrave Way NW, or St. Thomas School, 1970 19 Street SE