

**2011 KMBA
T-Ball
League Rules &
Information**

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1 League Description & Goals

1.1 T-Ball

The T-Ball division is tailored to our youngest athletes in pre-school and kindergarten and is open to both boys and girls. KMBA's T-Ball program is intended to serve as an introduction to the games of baseball & softball. Since it is primarily an instructional division, emphasis is placed on having fun and on skill development. The children hit off of the tee for the entire season.

Because a strong emphasis is placed on making the game fun and enjoyable, as well as informative, no scores are kept and innings do not end until every child has had the opportunity to bat. Also, reasonable requests for pairings/groupings are honored to the best of KMBA's ability. Please indicate your request on the registration form.

Although coaches are very involved on the field, they will need the assistance of many parents. As you can imagine, trying to keep a team of 4, 5 and 6 year olds focused, takes the efforts of more than one individual. T-Ball games are typically played once per week with practice time included. The season begins in early June and concludes in late July/early August. Games are 60 minutes.

KMBA will provide each child with a shirt and cap. Parents are responsible for providing a baseball glove, and shoes. Other equipment is supplied.

1.2 League Commissioner

- 1.2.1 For any issues or concerns regarding the league, please send an email to support@kmbaseball.org or contact the league commissioner listed below:

Jeff Gruber gruber.jeff@kmbaseball.org 507-333-4444

1.3 League Sponsors

- 1.3.1 Please support all of KMBA's sponsors listed on the following link <http://www.kmbaseball.org/sponsors.php>, and all T-Ball Leagues **sponsors listed below:**

2 Behavior and Conduct

2.1 *Unsportsmanlike Conduct*

- 2.1.1** This league strives to promote good sportsmanship by its players, coaches, umpires, and fans. Any un-sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Occurrences can result in the suspension of a player or coach at the discretion of the KMBA board.

3 Coaches & Players

3.1 Coaches

- 3.1.1 While coaches are volunteers, a \$30 stipend is available for coaches which can be applied towards their sons/daughters registration fee.
- 3.1.2 A background check will be done on all coaches.
- 3.1.3 Coaches shall be responsible for the collection and return of equipment supplied by KMBA. Any equipment not turned, the coaches will be charged a prorated fee.
- 3.1.4 Hoffman batting rules will be used. Every player present will be listed in the scorebook before the game starts and will bat in that order without change. Late arriving players must be added to the bottom of the batting order. Coaches will use the KMBA rotation schedule provided.
- 3.1.5 No player may coach first base or third base.
- 3.1.6 Unlimited substitution shall be permitted.
- 3.1.7 The designated volunteer coaches must supervise teams at all times on or off the playing field.
- 3.1.8 'Spring training' practices will be held the 1st 2 weeks of the season. The coaches and KMBA volunteers will teach the players correct techniques to be used throughout the year.
- 3.1.9 The designated volunteer coaches must supervise teams at all times on or off the playing field. KMBA would like all coaches to help develop fundamentally sound players from all teams by helping them correct mistakes made on the field and on the bench.

3.2 Player Eligibility

- 3.2.1 To be eligible to participate, a player must be in Kindergarten during the 2010/2011 school year (K) or entering Kindergarten in the 2011/2012 school year (Pre-K).
- 3.2.2 Players should notify their coach if they are going to miss a game or practice.

3.3 Players

- 3.3.1 Each player will play at least 2 innings in the field, and an even rotation of players is expected to be set up by the coach. No child should sit out more than one consecutive inning.
- 3.3.2 The defensive team shall consist of 10 players. 4 players to be in the outfield. No "short fielder" is allowed.
- 3.3.3 For instructional purposes, coaches from the defensive team shall be permitted on the field.
- 3.3.4 Players must remain on the bench when not playing the field.
- 3.3.5 All infielders shall play at a normal position. (Even with or behind the base paths).
- 3.3.6 Players may not wear metal spikes. Only tennis shoes, rubber soled, or rubber cleated baseball shoes will be permitted.

3.4 Catchers

- 3.4.1 Catchers will be required to wear a batting helmet in the field for protection.

3.5 Batters

- 3.5.1 Batters are required to protective headgear. Failure to adhere to this rule shall result in a warning to the team manager on the first offense. On second and additional offenses the player will be called out. In the event and out is called, the play is dead.
- 3.5.2 A team bats their entire game lineup every inning. The bases will be cleared after every 3 outs; the team will continue to bat until all players have batted that inning. The last batter each inning will bat as if there are 2 outs.
- 3.5.3 Players must remain on the bench when not batting.

3.6 Base Runners

- 3.6.1 The players will only advance one base on an overthrow, and then the ball will be dead.
- 3.6.2 There will be no leading off or stealing bases.

4 League Rules and Regulations

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 Rules and regulations are not to be changed during the regular playing season. However, suggestions for the modifications or revisions of these rules for future years are welcome if submitted in writing along with the reasons for the proposed change(s).
- In the event that temporary emergency changes must be made, they must have Board approval and written notification will be given to the managers involved one week prior to their enforcement.
- 4.1.2 All players are required to stay in the dugout unless they are on defense, at bat, or in the on deck circle. There will be no running in and out of the field area or standing by the fence during play.
- 4.1.3 Only balls issued by KMBA will be used.
- 4.1.4 Bats and helmets will be provided.

4.2 Games

- 4.2.1 Home team is the 2nd team listed on the league schedule & home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout.
- 4.2.2 The official ball will be a synthetic covered incrediball.
- 4.2.3 Each child will need there own glove, but the bats, balls, and “T” are furnished by the league.
- 4.2.4 The teams will not keep score, and the game will be played for one hour..
- 4.2.5 No infield fly rule.

4.3 Field

- 4.3.1 The bases will be a distance of 60 feet apart.
- 4.3.2 A 10 foot radius will be drawn from the 1st baseline to the 3rd baseline. A ball is fair if it goes beyond this line
- 4.3.3 No throwing bats. If the bat is thrown completely outside of the 7 foot radius bat circle, the batter will be declared out and the runner may not advance.

4.4 Teams

- 4.4.1 It is the intention of this league to field teams composed of 11 to 13 players. The league board reserves the right to modify the quantity of teams being fielded in an effort to provide the most positive playing experience for the players and create the most functional organization possible. Maximum number of players on a team is 15.

4.5 Injuries

- 4.5.1 In the event of an injury incurred after the start of the game which (temporarily) prevents a player from running the bases, a courtesy runner may be used.
- 4.5.2 The courtesy runner shall be the player making the team's last previous out, or if no outs have been recorded in the game, it shall be the last player in the batting order.

5 Schedule

5.1 Cancellations

- 5.1.1 For delays or cancellations please check the website at: www.kmbaseball.org or call our hotline number at 507-634-4889. Due to weather, there may be times that games are canceled at the last minute by the coaches.

5.2 Practice

6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Gold (T)	NW Park #1
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Green (T)	NW Park #2
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Maroon (T)	NW Park #3
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Navy (T)	NW Park (a)
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Orange (T)	NW Park (b)
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Purple (T)	NW Park (c)
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Royal (T)	NW Park (d)
6/10/2010	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Red (T)	NW Park (e)

5.3 Games

6/17/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Maroon (T)	Red (T)	NW Park #1
6/17/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Purple (T)	Navy (T)	NW Park #2
6/17/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Royal (T)	Orange (T)	NW Park #3
6/17/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gold (T)	Green (T)	West Park
6/24/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Navy (T)	Gold (T)	NW Park #1
6/24/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Orange (T)	Purple (T)	NW Park #2
6/24/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Green (T)	Maroon (T)	NW Park #3
6/24/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Royal (T)	Red (T)	West Park
7/1/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Green (T)	Royal (T)	NW Park #1
7/1/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gold (T)	Maroon (T)	NW Park #2
7/1/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Red (T)	Purple (T)	NW Park #3
7/1/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Navy (T)	Orange (T)	West Park
7/15/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gold (T)	Red (T)	NW Park #1
7/15/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Purple (T)	Royal (T)	NW Park #2
7/15/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Orange (T)	Green (T)	NW Park #3
7/15/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Maroon (T)	Navy (T)	West Park
7/22/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Red (T)	Orange (T)	NW Park #1
7/22/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Navy (T)	Green (T)	NW Park #2
7/22/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Gold (T)	Royal (T)	NW Park #3
7/22/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Purple (T)	Maroon (T)	West Park
7/29/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Royal (T)	Maroon (T)	NW Park #1
7/29/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Red (T)	Navy (T)	NW Park #2
7/29/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Green (T)	Purple (T)	NW Park #3
7/29/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Orange (T)	Gold (T)	West Park
8/5/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Royal (T)	Navy (T)	NW Park #1
8/5/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Purple (T)	Gold (T)	NW Park #2
8/5/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Maroon (T)	Orange (T)	NW Park #3
8/5/2010	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Green (T)	Red (T)	West Park

6 Rosters

6.1 Green (T)

Coaches:

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Anderson	Sam
Ball	Ethan
Barnum	Ethan
Clymer	Melinda
Determan	Halle
Oolman	Olivia
Oolman	David
Price	Francis
VanderPlas	Caleb
Faudskar	Cole
Herfindahl-Quint	Anders

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