

# Pickens County YMCA

## T-Ball Rules

### (General Rules)

- Begin each game with prayer.
- Five innings, or one hour will constitute a game.
- In case of inclement weather, the game must last at least two full innings to be considered complete. If not, then a make up game will be scheduled.
- In the case of inclement weather, a call will be made at least 1 hour prior to the game or practice. Practices will not be made up. Games will be made up to ensure that each team plays at least 7 games.
- Players must wear a helmet while batting and while running bases.
- The team in the field may have ONE player near the pitcher's position but there will not be a catcher.
- The team in the field is allowed two coaches in on the field to give instructions.
- Each player will hit off of a tee.
- An inning will consist of 3 outs or batting through the order (whichever comes first).
- Each team will bat through their line-up regardless of whether the players are sitting the bench or playing the field.
- Each player is allowed 3 strikes **only**. After 3 strikes the coach must assist the player to hit the ball in order to keep the game moving.
- The player may not leave a base until the ball has been hit.
- One base is awarded for an overthrow.
- A player is given only one warning per game for slinging a bat...after the warning, the player will be called out for each offense.
- Once a player is tagged or thrown out, he or she must retire to the "bench".
- Remember that sportsmanship is a vital element of our programs at the YMCA. Please model desirable behavior for your young athletes to follow.