

# **K-Ball Specific Rules**

#### Participation

All players are allowed to take the field in defensive positions with their sidekick. Only 6 players are allowed inside of the baseline (on the infield) prior to each attempted swing.

#### Length of Games

K-Ball 2 Full innings

#### Per Inning Run Limits

K-Ball – Runs are not recorded. Entire roster bats regardless of outs or runs. Umpires will call outs but baserunners will not leave the base when an out is made.

#### **Base Distances and Field Markings**

65ft bases.

A batted ball must travel outside of the homeplate dirt area to be a fair ball. No defensive player may begin a swing within the 30ft safety arc.

#### **Official Baseball**

Game balls will be provided by SASA. The following baseballs or equivalent will be provided:

 3-6 year olds must use a 9" safety ball or equivalent. (This softcore ball is soft when squeezed/compressed)

#### Uniforms

Color coordinated T-Shirt jerseys with numbers on back will be provided to K-Ball players. Baseball pants or shorts are allowed. Cleats are preferred but not mandatory.

#### Home Team

The home team shall be designated by a coin flip before each game.

#### Helmet Rule

-Hitters - Helmets are to stay on at all times while an offensive player (hitter or runner) is outside of his/her respective dugout.

-Catchers – K-Ball and T-Ball catcher shall wear a catcher's helmet with facemask or a batting helmet with an affixed facemask (softball helmet).

#### Cancellations

A game is considered final if 1 or more innings have been completed before it is called due to weather. If less than 1 full inning has been completed before the postponement the game will be resumed at a later date.

#### Practice

- 1. All practice times on fields/facility(s) owned by the City of Stillwater are to be coordinated through SASA officials.
- 2. Helmets at Practices... If bats are being swung all kids in the area must have a helmet on. Ie if bats are taken out of bags put helmets on kids.



# K-Ball

## **Offensive Rules**

- 1. A batting order is to be established prior to the start of each game. The entire roster of players will be allowed to bat in continual series <u>regardless of the # of outs or runs scored.</u>
- 2. The coach is responsible for positioning the tee height according to each of his/her batters. The coach is also responsible for placing the ball on the T for his/her batters.
- 3. The coach assisting the hitters at the plate may not reposition the T around the plate to effect where the ball is hit. Ie the T must remain in the center of the plate.
- 4. Once the ball is placed on the T and the defense is ready for play the umpire will call "Play Ball" and the batter can proceed to strike the ball.
- 5. The ball will be considered live if any part of the hitter's bat strikes the ball causing it to go further than the painted line marking the dead ball zone (5ft). In the absence of a painted line dead ball zone will be denoted by the grass line outside of the dirt Homeplate circle in fair ground. Striking the T causing the ball to fall off does not constitute a live ball but will be counted as a strike.
- 6. Bunting is not allowed.
- 7. The coach assisting his/her players in batting is responsible for removing the T from the home plate area when a play at home plate is possible.
- 8. All runners including the batter may advance a max of 1 base (regardless of overthrows) on all batted balls.
- 9. Base runners are not allowed to lead off or steal bases.

### **Defensive Rules**

10. The entire roster of players will be allowed to play defense at the same time. Coaches & sidekick (1 adult per player) are allowed in the field to assist players with defensive placement and attention.

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- 11. Only 6 players will be allowed on the infield (in front of base lines) all other players must play behind the baselines as outfielders.
- 12. Safety Arc: There shall be a thirty (30) foot arc drawn from (1st) baseline to third (3rd) baseline in front of home plate. Infielders must stay behind this line until the ball is hit. In the absence of a painted line defensive players must stay the same distance away as the dirt area in front of the pitcher's rubber before the ball is hit.
- 13. Pitchers must have 1 foot in contact with the dirt area around the pitcher's mound before each attempt to strike the ball by the batter.
- 14. Outfielders must play behind the baselines.