**TMBI 2022 T-Ball Rules**

These rules were established in keeping with the philosophy of the TMBI, that the principal aim for T-Ball baseball is to have fun and teach good sportsmanship, as well as try to further the basic skills of baseball. The score is not the focus of the game. All Baseball Ontario (OBA) rules and regulations will be followed, with the following exceptions as per the TMBA:

1. There are to be 45 feet between bases.
2. Every player bats and plays in the field. If a player shows up late, they should be added to the bottom of the order.
3. The ball is hit off a batting tee, there is no pitching.
4. No Extra bases will be awarded on overthrows.
5. There may only be 5 infielders and up to 7 outfielders.
6. There will be no player at the pitching position.
7. The ball must travel 5 feet, or it is foul. Draw a semi-circle in front of the plate.
8. Fielders should stand still until the ball is hit.
9. No stealing. The players must stay on the bases until the ball is hit.
10. An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
11. Three outs do not end an inning. Each team bats its entire team.
12. **Games are 3 innings, or 45 minutes. Games must end on, or before the 45 minutes mark, and the next game can start on time.**
13. A player is out if thrown out, tagged, a force out, or caught fly, and the player must leave the field when out.
14. Catchers will wear their own batting helmet, or a batting helmet supplied by TMBI.
15. Scores are not kept because these games are not official.
16. Helmets must be worn (with chin strap) while a player is at bat, or on the base paths.
17. All players are to receive equal defensive playing time. Players should be moved around in defensive innings to different position. The goal is to have all players be able to learn and experience as much about the game of baseball as possible. This in turn leads to improvement and knowledge for all players, increasing the love of the game and keeping these kids as players in the future.