



## **Tee-Ball 2017 Season – Info Sheet**

- We have a web page populated with great info:
  - <http://lafayetterecreation.weebly.com/t-ball.html>
- Please plan to have an adult attend every practice/game with your child(ren) – and we encourage you to help us out!
- Make sure to bring a LABELED glove, water bottle, and appropriate footwear
- Spring can be finicky with quick changes in temps – please dress accordingly!!
- Practices are Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 pm at the Dow Field
- Games will be held the same days/times, with more info to come
- We will host a jamboree on our Dow Park fields, Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am – 10:30 am. This round robin event will host teams from Littleton, Bethlehem, Lisbon and Lin-Wood. Our jamboree will be immediately followed by a Touch-a-Truck (tractor, train, helicopter and more) event at the Dow Park with games, face painting and small BBQ lunch. Mark your calendars!!
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## **Eight Things You Should Know About The Upcoming Tee-Ball Season:**

- 1. Boys and girls play together.** Don't be surprised if a girl is the star of your son's team. In tee-ball, boys and girls share the diamond. In fact, the T-Ball USA Association estimates 35 percent of the game's 2.2 million participants are girls. At this age, in terms of physical abilities, there is very little difference between boys and girls according to the Association.
- 2. Everybody hits and plays the field.** Participation is one of the main objectives in tee-ball, so expect everybody to bat and play the field. Positions are loosely defined. It's common to see groups of three or more players chasing the same ball in the outfield. If you've ever watched little kids play soccer — "bunch ball" or "magnet ball" — it can be a lot like that.
- 3. The best glove may be the cheapest.** While tee-ball players need a fielding glove, they don't need one that costs a lot of money. Less expensive gloves can be preferable because they tend to be softer and more flexible, giving the child greater control and a better feel for the ball. Besides, he or she will have grown out of it after a year.
- 4. Your child already owns the necessary footwear.** Soccer cleats or tennis shoes work equally well for tee-ball. Don't waste your money on a new pair of sport-specific cleats
- 5. The ball is soft.** Tee-ball is played with a safety ball. It has a sponge rubber center, so it won't hurt like a standard baseball if your child happens to catch a bad hop or get hit with an errant throw.
- 6. Don't expect a final score.** The outcome is less important in tee-ball than the process. There are no umpires in the game and like anything involving young children, chaos is never far away. There's not really a winner or loser in tee-ball.
- 7. Fundamentals are the focus.** Success in tee-ball is measured in small victories. Teaching kids basic hand-eye coordination. Or how to hold the bat. Or which direction to run after hitting the ball.
- 8. The coaches want you to help.** Seriously. This might not be the case come high school. We volunteered because nobody else raised a hand, but we don't want to do this alone! But please, remember we are volunteers and our children are all here to learn more about the game and learn to love it – not to win a college scholarship!