

AMA PONYTAIL SOFTBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

TEE BALL DIVISION

1. **RULES:** The coaches of both teams will be in charge of the game, and will run the game within the rules recommended by TeeBall USA, with the following variations:
2. **Ages:** Must be 4, 5, or 6 years old - player age is determined by age ON December 31st of previous calendar year.
3. **General:**
 - i. The fields will be prepared for games by both teams that have the first game of the day. Designees are acceptable. Failure to comply could result in forfeiture. Bases will be set at 48' apart.
 - ii. A real or imaginary line between first and third base at an arc 40-feet from home plate should be observed as the "playing line".
 - iii. Team listed 1st on schedule will occupy 3rd base dugout as the Home Team.
 - iv. No scorebook will be kept.
 - v. Home Team will keep official time – 30-minute shared practice time, immediately followed by 45-minute game.
 - vi. Only listed coaches or assistants with cleared background checks are allowed on the field.
4. **Players** – Every player bats and plays in the field.
5. **The Game** – A game will consist of as many innings as time allows. An inning is over when all players have batted once.
6. **Pitching** – There is no pitching – the ball is hit off a batting tee. There are no walks or strikeouts.
7. **Batting** – Teams will bat their entire roster. Safety helmets must be worn. The ball must travel 10 feet or it is a foul.
8. **Base Running** – Base runners advance one base per batter. Players will be called "out" per NSA softball rules, however, the end of the inning is after every player has batted (not three outs).
9. **Base Stealing** – No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
10. **Fielding** – No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit.

The Tee Ball Division is designed to be an introduction to the game of softball for the youngest of players. Focus should be on building fundamentals and a love for the game, rather than competition. Poor sportsmanship from coaches and fans will not be tolerated.