Southwest Portland Little League 2016

T-Ball Rules

Games:

* Home team supplies game balls
* A game is 3 complete innings
* If there is a game following your game you may not start an inning after 1 hour. Games must end 30 minutes before the next game.

Batting:

* Bat the lineup each inning. All players bat every inning.
* No base stealing.
* One base advance per hit. On the last batter of the inning everyone on base plus the hitter runs all the way home.
* Base coaches umpire for their own team when batting.
* No pitching in games. All players will hit off the tee. This is for safety and to keep the games moving.
* No strike outs. Players swing until they hit a ball in fair territory.
* Coaches call foul balls at their own discretion. Use best judgement for balls that do not travel very far from the tee into fair territory. It is best if the ball travels several feet to be counted in fair territory.
* All players wear helmets while batting and running bases.
* Players return the ball to the batting coach helping with the tee at the end of each play.

Fielding:

* All players on the field
* Parents allowed to coach from outfield to help defense.

Outs:

* No batter or baserunner will leave the field if they are called out.
* However, players will attempt to make force outs or fly outs while playing in the field.
* No tag outs (safety issue)
* If an out is made, it can be called by the coach(es) on the field and fielders congratulated, but the batter or runner will stay on the field as if they were not called out.
* No limit to the number of outs that can be made in an inning.

Coaches should use their collective judgment to solve problems that arise. Generally we are trying to keep games moving and let as many kids as possible bat and play in the field.