



## DELHI TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION T-BALL (Preschool)

### LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

This program exists to serve the needs of our youth. All involved should be allowed to participate on an equal basis in a low competitive atmosphere. The primary focus should be on individual development (learning all the positions), FUNDamentals and teamwork. The main emphasis is on having fun, involving the family and developing a positive self-image. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times from the players, coaches and parents.

The Delhi youth leagues are set up for participation and not win - loss records. If a team shows up with less than the required number of players and wishes to play, the game will be played. It is encouraged that the other team lend a player(s) whenever possible.

### COACH / PLAYER CONDUCT

This is Preschool T-ball. Enjoy the experience. Let's make sure every child / parent enjoys themselves so they want to play again.

### SPORTSMANSHIP

In order to keep up with our recreation philosophy and sportsmanship, shake hands at the conclusion of the game.

### EQUIPMENT

Delhi Township Parks & Recreation Department provides team equipment. Volunteer coaches are responsible for the care of the equipment. The team equipment will need to be returned promptly at the conclusion of the season so we can keep our inventory updated.

### PLAYING THE GAME

PITCHING/BASE DISTANCE: Pitcher's mound to home plate = 35 feet  
Base distance = 50 feet

T-BALL ARC: There will be an arc from the first base line to the third base line 10 feet in front of home plate. A batted ball must pass this arc to be fair.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES: The home team shall be responsible for keeping score and providing a volunteer home plate umpire. The home plate umpire will serve as the official timekeeper. The home team will use the first base bench and wear the White Jersey.

VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES: The visiting team shall be responsible for providing a volunteer base umpire. The visiting team will use the third base bench and wear the Green Jersey.

TIME LIMIT: Teams play for one hour. No new inning shall start after 7:00 p.m. The first game shall end by 7:15 p.m.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: All players play defense, nobody sits the bench. Coaches / parents align the players. Have them play in a different "area" each inning.

OUTFIELDER POSITIONS: Position the outfielders at least 10 feet beyond the base paths.

KEEPING SCORE: We don't keep score in this division.

BATTING ORDER: Each team will bat completely through their lineup each inning. Each player runs the bases and scores each inning, regardless if they were put out. After the last batter has hit the ball and scored, teams switch sides.

HELMETS: Helmets are not worn until 1-2 grade softball & baseball.

BASERUNNING: One base at a time regardless of where the ball is thrown. The last batter of each inning and the baserunners can run more than one base to end the inning.

BACKSTOP: No parents, spectators or coaches allowed behind backstop

#### UMPIRES

- A) The home plate umpire will remind players before and after they hit the ball to drop their bat and not to throw it.
- B) Also, remove the tee from home plate so baserunners may score.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER / RAINOUTS

Games must be played on their scheduled dates unless weather or conditions of the playing field warrant postponement. Coaches call Sports Info. Number 694-3433 at 4:30 p.m. or visit [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) to find out status of games.

#### RESCHEDULING

The Parks & Recreation Department may reschedule all postponed games based on availability. The Parks & Recreation Department will notify coaches regarding the make-up date.

#### UNIFORMS/ATTIRE

Home team listed first on schedule wears the white jersey and visiting team wears green jersey. Shorts are permitted; however long pants are encouraged as a safety precaution. Tennis shoes or rubber cleats are permitted footwear.