



CLOVERDALE COMETS GROUND RULES – as at 10 October 2016

There are no automatic outs for less than nine players in the team, in instances where players are not available for the game. The batting line up will close up and continue to rotate through the batting line up. In instances where a coach removes a player temporarily or for the remainder of the game for disciplinary reasons, the batter removed will be deemed out.	Modification of rule 16.1d
For the first three playing games, players will not be given out for three strikes. After three attempts of hitting the ball resulting in strikes (including foul balls, hitting the tee and missing the ball) the coach should assist the player to hit. From the fourth playing game, the third strike rule applies.	Modification of rules 13.2 and 13.1(ii)
Safety bases will be used on first base. First base field must touch white section of base to effect a play.	Modification of rule 7.1h

All other current TBAWA Edition 5 Rules apply (without modification).

Coaches are expected to allow each player to play in each of the fielding positions. In a single game no player should be played in the same position again unless they have played in all other positions. Players cannot sit off more than once each game unless all other players have sat off.

PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Learn the rules of tee-ball and always play by them.
2. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be on your team or the opposition team.
3. Players must wear correct footwear, hats and be suitably attired.
4. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
5. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
6. Never argue with an Umpire, other players, Coaches or Officials. If you have a problem, discuss it with your Coach and allow them to take the necessary action.
7. Verbal abuse and/or deliberate physical interference with opponents will not be tolerated by your Coach or Umpires and will result in immediate removal from the game as per TBAWA Rulebook.
8. Strive to play to the best of your ability at all times, both at training and during games.
9. Respect the time and efforts put in by your Coaches and Officials. They deserve your full support and commitment.
10. Tee-ball is a team game. Encourage your team mates even when they make mistakes. Remember every player makes errors and has off days. Never ridicule opponents or team mates.
11. Accept that at all times you will be required to take an equal turn on the bench. When on the bench, encourage your team and be prepared to play at all times.
12. Respect your opponents and appreciate their good play. Without opposition you would not be able to play the game of Tee-ball.
13. Play for the fun of it and to improve your Tee-ball skills, not just to please parents and coaches.
14. Respect the equipment provided for your use. Tee-ball equipment is very expensive and should be used responsibly. Abuse of equipment such as throwing helmets or bats is unacceptable.
15. Always think of safety to avoid injuries to yourself and others.
16. Foul language of any sort will not be tolerated.
17. Players must maintain their obligations to their club teams at both training and games.

PARENTS & SPETATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Children play tee-ball for fun. Accept any mistakes as part of their learning process. Remember they are playing for their enjoyment not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Don't leave your child at tee-ball. Stay and support the team, volunteer to help and discuss your child's progress with the coach.
4. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
5. Applaud good play from all teams. Applaud good plays by all teams.
6. Encourage your child to always play within the rules of tee-ball and accept the Umpire's decision.
7. Never ridicule, abuse or yell at a child for making mistakes or losing a game.
8. Offensive behaviour from parents or spectators is not acceptable under the rules of tee-ball and action will be taken against offenders.
9. Recognise the value and importance of the volunteer coaches and officials. They give their time and knowledge to provide organised tee-ball for your child and deserve your respect and support.
10. Tee-ball is a team game. Accept and understand that at all times your child may be asked to take a turn on the bench.
11. Not all children can be champions. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in tee-ball or expect more from your child than their best efforts.
12. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Remember children learn best through example.
13. If you disagree with an official or coach, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the person in public.
14. Foul language of any sort will not be tolerated.
15. Support and encourage all of the team, not only your child, and remember that the coach is there for the whole team and not individuals.
16. As commitment to training is essential, the coach must be advised if a player cannot attend a training session.
17. Parents/carers must advise the coach by the previous evening if their child is not going to be available through either injury or illness to enable changes to be implemented.