**Avon Lake T-Ball League Rules**

1. The focus of T-ball is the teaching of the basics of the game: throwing, catching, fielding, and base running.
2. There are no umpires assigned for T-Ball.
3. Helmets must be worn by the batter and base runners until they come off the field and return to behind the backstop.
4. No metal cleats.
5. Thunder / Lightning – The FIRST incident of thunder or lightning will immediately cancel the remainder of the game / practice. Field Attendants will provide further guidance on game days.
6. T-Ball games will have a 1 hour time limit.
7. Once an inning has started it must be completed (unless game called due to weather).
8. Each team will be on offense for 3 outs, 7 runs, or one time through the lineup. Whichever comes first.
9. One on deck batter is permitted on the field at a time.
10. A batted ball will be considered in play if it stays between the first and third base foul lines.
11. Batter/Runner will advance only one base at a time. The exception is when the last batter is up and hits the ball everyone is permitted to attempt to score.
12. If a team makes an out by throwing to a player for a force out or tagging a runner properly the player is considered out and shall return to the proper bench.
13. Every player will hit from a tee while at-bat for the first half of the season. In the second half of the season every player may have the opportunity to hit 3 pitched balls from his or her coach. If there is no contact by the third pitch the coach must set the ball on the tee for the player to hit.
14. No score is kept with the Avon Lake Recreation Department. Coaches are able to keep score if they choose.
15. Everybody plays in the field.
    * Infield Positions (5 players): Pitcher, 1st, 2nd, Short Stop, & 3rd – NO CATCHER
    * 4 players in the outfield
16. Players in the field cannot be in the same position for more than 2 consecutive innings.
17. Coaches are allowed on the field while their team is fielding to help instruct players.
18. Emphasize having fun!