

# Make T-Ball your sport this summer!



T-Ball is a great fun way to:

- learn important fundamental skills such as striking, throwing and catching
- increase hand eye moment
- have fun and encourage all
- and it's easy to set up

## TAKE T-BALL FROM THE FIELD BACK INTO THE CLASS ROOM

Softball New Zealand has developed a great new way to help teach numeracy, literacy, social science and health/PE with t-ball/softball theme. Download your preferred teaching unit from the Softball New Zealand website, [www.softball.org.nz](http://www.softball.org.nz), and help educate your students through T-Ball. Resources created for students are based on 3 levels; Beginning, Moving-on and Challenging.

Level 1-2 = Beginning

Level 2-3 = Moving-on

Level 3-4 = Challenging

Contact your local softball association on at the bottom of the Softball New Zealand website to find a club near your school.

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# T-Ball Rules

T-Ball is designed to introduce children to the game of softball and help them develop basic softball skills in a FUN way. The rules of T-Ball are:

## TEAM NUMBERS

- 9 players are ideal but teams can be made up of 5, 6 or 7.
- If there are five (5) players the coach acts as the catcher.

## BATTING

- The ball is batted from a tee.
- A hitter may have as many swings as they require in hitting the ball into fair territory.
- A player is out when:
  - A batted ball is caught on the full.
  - A player in possession of the ball stands on the base before the runner arrives.
  - A runner between bases is tagged by a fielder with the glove or hand which is holding the ball.
- An inning is completed when every player on the batting team has completed a turn at bat.
- Each inning the leadoff hitter becomes the sixth hitter in the next inning and subsequent hitters will move up one spot in the line up so that every hitter has the chance to lead off an inning.

## FIELDING

- All fielders rotate fielding positions each innings in the following manner:
  - Pitcher becomes catcher
  - Catcher becomes 1st base
  - 1st base becomes 2nd base
  - 2nd base becomes 3rd base
  - 3rd base becomes shortstop
  - Shortstop becomes pitcher



## BASE RUNNING

- So that fielders are encouraged to throw, runners may advance no further than the base they were heading to when the first throw is made.
- Once a runner turns back toward a previous base they are entitled to that base only.

## UMPIRING

- The teacher is the umpire and is positioned behind the home plate.
- Before 'Play Ball' is called, allowing the ball to be hit:
  - The pitcher must be on the pitching plate; and
  - The catcher must be behind home plate, in the catcher's box; and
  - The runner must be in contact with the base plate.

## EQUIPMENT

You will require: a bat, a flexi ball, a hitting tee and bases

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The T-Ball Kits can be purchased for **\$140**

**A KIT INCLUDES:** 1 x Hitting tee, 2 x 11" Flexiballs, 1 x Bat, 1 x set of Bases

**AVAILABLE FROM:** Exclusive Sports

Phone: (04) 388 3056 or 0800 112 985 (orders only) Fax: (04) 388 9056

NB: Free delivery anywhere in New Zealand for the T-Ball Equipment Kit

