

<b>Age: 5 - 7</b>		<b>Sport: T-Ball</b>	
<b>Duration:</b> 55 mins	<b>Physical Skills:</b> Holding the bat, catching, hitting off tee	<b>Social Skill:</b> <b>Sharing</b>	<b>Stickers:</b> T-Ball, <b>Sharing</b>

<b>Instructions</b>	<b>Language</b>
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<b>Welcome!</b>	<b>Equipment: N/A</b>
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<p>Welcome everyone back to GoPlay!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce the sport - holding out t-ball bat and ball</li> <li>2. Talk about the actions we do in t-ball.</li> <li>3. Introduce the social skill.</li> <li>3. Talk about what <b>sharing</b> is and how we use it.</li> </ol>	<p>Has anyone seen this bat before? Has anyone seen baseball played before?</p> <p>Today we are playing... T-Ball! Which is very similar to baseball if you have ever seen that!</p> <p>We use tees to hit the balls. To use the tees we just place the ball on top of it and we hit the balls with this bat!</p> <p>In t-ball and baseball, not everyone playing gets a bat at all times. Usually it is just one person who uses the bat at a time. They have to <b>share</b> the bat!</p> <p>Today we are going to work on <b>sharing</b>.</p> <p><b>Sharing</b> means that we don't just keep things to ourselves, we also let our friends try the same things.</p> <p>We can also <b>share</b> equipment! So, if I give my bat to a friend to use, I am <b>sharing</b>!</p> <p><b>Sharing</b> makes it fun for everyone to play!</p>
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<p><b>Note:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Start the lesson by setting up the circle of cones/pylons for everyone to meet at.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Complete 2-3 warm-up actions.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Then, always move into the second warm-up again after.</b></li> </ol>
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<b>Warm-Up: Get Moving! ~ 5 - 10 mins</b>	<b>Equipment: Cones</b>
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<p>Set up a circle of cones in the middle of the playspace and have everyone find a spot.</p> <p>Start by talking about why we always warm-up.</p> <p>Try to ask some kids in the group if they have a movement they want to share.</p> <p>If they do, try to all complete that movement.</p> <p>Some examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reach high to the sky</li> <li>- Jumping jacks</li> <li>- Reach low to the ground</li> <li>- Arm circles</li> <li>- Running on the spot</li> <li>- High knees</li> </ul>	<p>Before we start playing any sport we need to get our bodies warm and moving!</p> <p>Does anyone in the group have a warm up action that they would like to share? Raise your hand if you would like to share!</p> <p>Thank you for sharing! Let's try!</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Who wants to know coach's favourite ways to warm up?!</p> <p>I think we should do.... (use examples)</p>
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<b>T Tag</b>	<b>Equipment: N/A</b>
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<p>This is a variation of tag that plays on the "T" in "T-Ball".</p> <p>The kids will spread out around the play space.</p> <p>Either have the coach start as "it" or pick 1-2 kids to be "it".</p> <p>The tagging part of the game is standard, but when a kid is tagged, they have to stand where they are as a T (feet together, arms straight out).</p>	<p>Who remembers what sport we are playing today??</p> <p>Yes, T-Ball! And what letter is in that word?</p> <p>Yes, a "T"!</p> <p>How can we stand as a "T"?</p> <p>Exactly!! We are going to play T Tag!</p>
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<p>Another player has to come and run under their arm to free them.</p> <p>Once someone runs under one of your arms that are in a "T" position, you can rejoin the game.</p> <p>Play a couple of rounds to switch up who is "it".</p>	<p>So, when you are tagged, you have to stop where you are and hold a "T" position! Let's see everyone's "T" position.</p> <p>Good job!</p> <p>The way that you get to rejoin the game is by having a friend run under your T arm.</p>
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<p><b>Physical Skills ~ 15 - 20 mins</b> <b>T-Ball Safety Talk</b></p>	<p><b>Equipment: Bats</b></p>
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<p>Before playing any games with the bats, have a quick safety talk with the group and show the kiddos how to hold the bat.</p> <p>Have all of the kids face coach.</p> <p>First, coach will show the group.</p> <p>When showing the group, hold the bat upwards with your one hand against the bottom of the handle, resting against the knob. Your other hand will go on top of your first hand, so your palms are facing inwards and wrapped around the grip.</p> <p>Then, show the kids the 360 rule. This means that you are holding the bat in front of you, either the barrel or the handle, and if you ever want to turn around while holding the bat, you have to turn 360 degrees. So your head/torso is rotating but the bat is staying close to you and not swinging as you turn.</p> <p>This is so that kids don't quickly turn around, swing the bat and hit another kid who is beside or behind them.</p> <p>Have the kids get into 2 lines. The coaches will now have them each come up to one of the bats and try.</p> <p>It is not the most exciting but it is necessary!</p> <p><a href="#">Example</a></p>	<p>Okay GoPlayers!, together, let's learn how to hold a t-ball bat.</p> <p>We need our eyes on coach and listening ears on!</p> <p>T-Ball is superrrr fun, but we need to be awesome GoPlayers! today to make sure everyone is being safe.</p> <p>Okay GoPlayers, now that you have seen coach hold the bat and do the 360 rule, let's all try before we start playing!</p> <p>Who wants to try?! Let's line up behind the bats.</p> <p>Can we practice our <b>sharing</b> and let each of our friends hold the bat?</p>
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<p><b>Catching</b></p>	<p><b>Equipment: Balls</b></p>
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<p>We are going to introduce catching to the kids.</p> <p>Have them grab a ball and spread out to find their own space.</p> <p>Show them how to bend their knees and be in a good stance for playing t-ball.</p> <p>Then show them how they don't want to have their arms out like a cup of soup (out in front of their stomach in a cup position) but instead out in front of them like a high five.</p> <p>Have them all show this without any equipment.</p> <p>Then, show them how they can throw the ball up with their one hand and then try to catch it with their other hand. Try to encourage the catching in more of the high five position but this will be challenging for some kids, so just motivate them to try catching it with one hand at all.</p> <p>See how many catches in a row the kids can make.</p> <p><a href="#">Example</a></p>	<p>Okay GoPlayers!, who wants to try some t-ball skills??</p> <p>Let's do it! We are going to watch coach and then get to try ourselves.</p> <p>We don't want our hands out like a bowl of soup...</p> <p>We want our catching hand up like we are going to give a high five!</p> <p>Let's see... knees bent, get low! Now, catching hand up like you are giving a high five.</p> <p>Good job, GoPlayers!!</p> <p>Now, who wants to see how many catches in a row you can make?</p> <p>Try to count your catches and beat your own personal best!</p>
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<p><b>Social Skill ~ 10 - 15 mins</b> <b>Treasure T-Ball Relay</b></p>	<p><b>Equipment: Tees, bats, balls</b></p>
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<p>Set up two tees on one end of the playspace.</p> <p>Place a bat beside each tee.</p> <p>Put a hula hoop between the two tees. Fill it with all of the balls.</p> <p>Then put one hula hoop behind/slightly to the side of each of the tees. Keep these empty.</p> <p>Put a cone a few feet back from each tee.</p> <p>Split the kids into two groups, have each group line up behind the cones.</p> <p>This is going to be a relay race where the first two kids will step past the cone, grab a ball from the middle hula hoop, put it on their tee, pick up the bat, and try to hit it off the tee.</p> <p>Then, they will go run after their ball, run back and put it in the hula hoop that is beside their tee.</p> <p>As soon as they have passed the cone, the next person in line can go.</p> <p>The cone is the hitting zone and everyone else should be behind it for safety.</p> <p>Go until all of the balls are out of the middle hula hoop.</p> <p>The group with the most balls in their team's hula hoop "wins", but this is not about winning!</p>	<p>Okay GoPlayers!, can everyone point to the cones. Good job.</p> <p>See how we are behind the cones right now?</p> <p>We are all going to stay behind it UNLESS we are the one who is teeing off. Can we set a goal as a group to do this?</p> <p>I know we can do it!</p> <p>For this game, we are all on a pirate ship!</p> <p>The pirates took all of our treasure!!!</p> <p>We want to get it back, so we are going to take one piece of treasure back at a time.</p> <p>One at a time, we will get to hit the treasure off of the ship, chase after it, and bring it back to our team's treasure chest.</p> <p>Can we get all of our treasure back??</p> <p>We are going to be practicing <b>sharing</b> because we only have one bat per team! We need to work together to get the treasure back.</p>
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<p><b>Run The Bases Progression</b></p>	<p><b>Equipment: Bases, grounds markers, tee, bat, balls</b></p>
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<p>Since the group has tried running the bases in kickball.</p> <p>Do a progression on this where a t-ball diamond is set up (bases, tee). Have the kid's line up and get to practice hitting the ball off the tee and then running the bases.</p> <p>Adjust this as needed for the group you have.</p>	<p>Who remembers running the bases in kickball??</p> <p>Should we try doing something similar for t-ball?</p> <p>Parts of the sports are similar to each other so we can add to the activity we did for kickball by also hitting the ball off the tee!</p> <p>Again, we will have to <b>share</b> the equipment so that everyone can get a turn and have fun!</p>
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<p><b>Game/Fun Activity ~ 10 - 15 mins</b> <b>Ball Toss Race</b></p>	<p><b>Equipment: Ball</b></p>
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<p>Have all of the kids line up on one side of the play space.</p> <p>The coach will go to the other side and face the kids. Coach will have a ball in their hand.</p> <p>When everyone is ready, coach will throw the ball up in the air and then kids have to run towards coach.</p> <p>When the ball lands back in coach's hand, the kids have to stop running and freeze in a t-ball ready position (knees bent, hand out ready to give a high five).</p> <p>Keep doing this until the kids reach you.</p> <p>Make it interesting by throwing the ball up in different ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Throw some high so the kids have to run farther</li> <li>- Some quick throws for short distances</li> <li>- Fake throw</li> </ul>	<p>Okay GoPlayers, who remembers their t-ball ready position? Let's see you all do it.</p> <p>Good job! For this game, that is how you are going to have to FREEZE.</p> <p>When the ball is up in the air you can run towards coach, and when it lands back in coach's hands, we need to see everyone in that ready position!</p> <p>You will all need to keep your eyes glued to the ball to know when to stop running!</p> <p>Let's see if you can make it all the way to coach.</p>
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<p><b>**If you know the kids names well, you can play:</b> <b>Belly Down</b></p>	<p><b>Equipment: Ball</b></p>
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<p>If you know the kids' names well, you can play this game!</p> <p>Have the kids line up on one side of the play space.</p> <p>They will lay on their stomachs in this line.</p> <p>Coach will stand in front of the kids with a ball.</p> <p>Coach will call out a kid's name then roll the ball towards them. That GoPlayer has to jump up, catch the rolling ball, roll it back to coach and then get back on their stomach.</p> <p>Give each kid a chance to try.</p>	<p>Sometimes in t-ball the balls aren't only in the air, they can also roll, which is called a ground ball!</p> <p>We are going to have to turn on our listening ears for this game!</p> <p>Everyone will be on their bellies and need to listen carefully for their name.</p> <p>When you hear your name you need to jump up quickly to catch the rolling ground ball!</p> <p>Then you get to roll it back to coach and lay back on your stomach.</p>
<p><b>Clean-Up</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Equipment: N/A</b></span></p>	
<p>Have the kids help with clean up.</p> <p>Countdown from 3 and have the kids run as fast they can to grab all of the balls and bring to coach.</p> <p>Count down again and do the same for any other equipment.</p> <p>Give out high fives as they bring the equipment to you!</p> <p>Make sure to say thank you ____, using the kiddos names as much as you can.</p>	<p>Let's see you quickly you can bring all of the balls to me!</p> <p>Now let's do it again for ____!</p>
<p><b>Review!</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Equipment: T-Ball bat and ball</b></span></p>	
<p>Hold out the bat and ball to the kids.</p>	<p>Can anyone remember what the sport we played today is called?</p> <p>Yes, T-Ball!</p> <p>Can I hear everyone say "t-ball"?</p> <p>Now, who remembers what social skill we worked on today?</p> <p>We practiced <b>sharing!</b></p> <p>I know it is a big word, but can I hear everyone say "<b>I practiced sharing!</b>"!</p>
<p><b>Cheer!</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Equipment: N/A</b></span></p>	
<p>GO! PLAY! GO! PLAY!</p> <p>Have the coach yell 'GO' and the kids yell 'PLAY'</p>	<p>Be as LOUD as you can!</p> <p>I can't hear you!</p> <p>Again, louder!!</p>
<p><b>Stickers</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Equipment: Sticker boxes</b></span></p>	
<p>Hand out T-Ball and <b>Sharing</b> stickers</p>	<p>Try to use the kiddos names as you hand out their stickers:</p> <p>Good job ____!</p> <p>Thanks for a great class ____!</p> <p>Thanks for being awesome!</p>