

**2008 Cal Ripken Southwest Region
6 & Under T-Ball Tournament
“Home Run Derby” – Long Ball Competition**

Objective: The “Home Run Derby – Long Ball Competition” will test a competitor's ability to hit a baseball for distance from a stationary tee.

Contest Rules:

- Each tournament team may provide one team member as the team's contestant. *(Please fill out and return the attached entry form.)*
- The batting tee will be set at home plate.
- Field markers are set along concentric rings measured from home plate at 50', 75', 100', 125', and 150' respectively.
- Each contestant will be given five swings in an attempt to hit the ball.
- A swing and a miss counts as one attempt (one swing = one attempt).
- Contestant may take a single stride step, but cannot take multiple steps in attempt to hit the ball from a walking or running start.
- Contestants may earn from 25 to 150 points for each attempt, depending on how far the ball travels in the air.
- Balls that land between each set of markers in fair territory will be awarded points based on the value of the marker closest to the plate. (i.e. ball lands between 100' and 125' markers, 100 points are awarded)
- A swing-and-a-miss earns the minimum of 25 points.
- A swing that strikes both the tee and ball will be judged based on where the ball lands.
- Balls that do not reach the 50' marker will be awarded 25 points.
- Balls that land beyond the 150' marker will be awarded the maximum 150 points.
- Points awarded for each attempt will be determined by where the ball lands on the fly, not where the ball stops rolling.
- Field spotters will mark the point where each ball lands and the field judge will award the points based on the mark.
- The contestant with the most points accumulated in five attempts will be declared the tournament “Long Ball Champion”.
- In the event that one or more contestants are tied in score at the end of the contest, playoff-rounds will be conducted to determine the champion, runner-up and/or third place.
- Playoff rounds will be conducted as above except that each contestant will receive three attempts per round, instead of five.