

## Rave Reviews & Great Results!

*"This was like a wonder tool for them."*

– Broderick Powell, Hopkins-Minnetonka MN P&R

*"Thank you so much for creating this rotation tool. I just did a search on Yahoo!® because I had already thrown out three pages of rotations trying to figure something out for our first game tomorrow."*

– Michael Morrish, Mid-County Youth Soccer Club,  
Santa Cruz, CA

*"This is exactly what we need for recreational soccer."*

– Bill Sorterberg, Retired Recreational Director,  
Tonka United Soccer Association

*"It's amazing! As a coach, it is such a relief to no longer worry about equal playing time for each child."*

– Gene Obrien, Recreational Soccer Coach  
Tonka United Soccer Association.

*"This tool is a real blessing. Line-ups and substitutions during the game are now automatic and completely equitable as far as playing time and positions for all of the kids. No-shows and late arrivals are no problem."*

– John Goodman, Tonka United Soccer Association

**Attention Palm  
PDA Users:**

**Be the first to test the Palm®  
compatible version of the FairTurn  
coaching tool! Contact us at  
info@fairturn.com**



# Coaches Guide

## T•Ball

simplified coaching

everyone plays

positive atmosphere



FairTurn® is all about simplifying coaching, ensuring everyone plays and creating a more positive atmosphere at youth sporting events.

The FairTurn coaching tool is recommended by T-Ball USA.



Your FairTurn coaching tool is designed to make your experience as a volunteer tee ball coach more enjoyable. Included is:

- China Marker for writing, (use a dry cloth to wipe off).
- A FairTurn Parent's Planner for each family on your team.

### Have a picnic!

A preseason picnic or get-together is a great time for your players and parents to meet you and the other families. Communicate your goals for the season and ask for volunteers to assist you. Distribute the team rosters, game, practice and treat schedules.

Hand out the FairTurn *Parent's Planners*, show them the tool and how it operates. Explain your commitment to giving each child equal opportunities at the different positions and that every child plays and bats each inning.

### How do I set up and use the tool

The FairTurn coaching tool takes just seconds to set up, so wait for last-minute stragglers to show up.

**Count** the number of players and select the card with that number in the upper right corner. **Write** a name beside each playing position on the wheel. **Relax**, you're ready to call the first lineup for the start of the game.

You may find it works best to **rotate the player positions as your team comes off the field**. Each turn at bat begins with the player listed as the "Pitcher" for the next inning. Use the time "on deck" to explain to each child where he or she is playing next.

### Can someone other than the coach use the tool?

Let a parent manage the lineup so you can concentrate fully on coaching. **Ask for help!** *This person could become your new assistant coach!*

### "I don't want to play right field"

There may be team members who do not want to play in some position. At the beginning of the season, explain to parents and players that to function as a team, you need everyone to contribute to the best of their abilities wherever the team needs them. I may help to use the tool to show the child where he or she will be playing the inning **after** the position they don't like.

### I have a number of strong / weak players. How do I balance things out?

Positions on the coaching tool alternate from infield to outfield. Listing two strong or two weak players next to each other on the tool spreads them out preventing an overly strong/weak infield or outfield.

### I have some players unprepared to play at certain positions, can I substitute players, without a total change, while the game is underway?

Of course. Make any substitutions that are necessary. At the next inning use the tool to catch up and get back on track.

### What should I do when players show up after the game has started?

Simply take the card with the new total number of players and re-write the names, sticking to the same basic lineup as the earlier card. *This is a great job for the new assistant coach.*

#### REMEMBER:

**Coaching is supposed to be fun. Enjoy your chance to make a positive impact on these kids lives.**

**Thank you for coaching from all of us at FairTurn!**