# Teeball Areas to Improve

## Leaving the Base Early – Rule 17.4

As the season progresses and base runners are becoming more aggressive in their running of the bases, we are seeing more base runners leave the base before the ball is hit. A base runner must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Runners are using the umpires call of “PLAY BALL” as a signal to run, but they must wait until the batter has HIT THE BALL.

NOTE: A runner leaving early results in a DEAD BALL and no play can be made, so a winning home run could be negated due to a base runner jumping the gun!

### Contact EHH Chief Coach for further information on training drills to assist players to on base running.