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## Rawlings® Acquires Leading Training and Accessories Company, Tanner® Tees

Iconic Baseball Brand Expands Product Line-Up to Include Premium Batting Tees

**ST. LOUIS, MO. – Sept. 3, 2025** – Rawlings®, the number one diamond sports brand worldwide, and official game ball, glove, helmet, face guard and base of Major League Baseball®, announced its recent purchase of Tanner® Tees. This partnership reflects a notable entry into the diamond sports training category by Rawlings. Tanner Tees, founded by former baseball coach Joe Tanner in Sarasota, FL, manufactures the "industry standard" in premium batting tees utilized by youth, high school and collegiate programs as well as professional athletes nationwide.

"Rawlings continues to bolster its premium product portfolio with the recent acquisition of Tanner Tees, and we're excited to bring those items to our vast customer base comprised of athletes ranging in age and ability," said Ron Ostrowski, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rawlings. "This purchase provides us a vehicle to venture into new product categories while growing our leading market share within our competitive industry."

"Joe Tanner built the first Tanner Tee with a vision for better training products, and my brother AJ and I never imagined that what he started that day in his garage would grow into the number one batting tee in the world today," said Andy Menard of Tanner Tees. "Now as a part of Rawlings, the most iconic name in baseball, we're thrilled to know the Tanner brand will continue to serve hitters and coaches for years to come with the most trusted training products that carry our grandfather's name."

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## **About Rawlings**

Established in 1887, Rawlings is an innovative leading global brand and manufacturer of premium baseball and softball equipment, including gloves, balls, and protective headwear. Rawlings' unparalleled quality, innovative engineering and expert craftsmanship are the fundamental reasons why more professional athletes, national governing bodies and sports leagues choose Rawlings. Rawlings is the official baseball, glove, helmet, face guard and base of Major League Baseball®, the official baseball of Minor League Baseball® and the official baseball and softball of the NCAA® and the NAIA®. Rawlings acquired Easton Diamond Sports®, the official equipment supplier of Little League® Baseball and Softball, Team USA Softball®, and USSSA® Softball, in 2020. The company is headquartered in St. Louis. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.Rawlings.com">www.Rawlings.com</a>.

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## **About Tanner Tees**

Tanner Tees was founded by retired coach Joe Tanner after nearly fifty years in baseball. Today, Tanner Tees can be found in big league batting cages, thousands of college and high school programs, and training facilities all around the world. They are the industry standard batting tee, the only tee with 25 years of proven durability. Each tee is hand rolled in Sarasota, Florida by a skilled crew of tee technicians and sold through a network of local team dealers and baseball training facilities.



