

BRISBANE METRO BASEBALL

T-Ball Rules

2020/2021



Tee Ball is designed to introduce children to the game of baseball and help them develop basic baseball skills in a FUN way.

Team Size

- Six (6) players a side (possibly 5 or 7).
- Typically the coach acts as catcher.

Batting

- The ball is not pitched in Tee Ball - instead it is batted from a tee.
- A hitter may have as many swings as they require in hitting the ball into fair territory.
- A player is out when:
 - A batted ball is caught on the full.
 - A player in possession of the ball stands on the base before the runner arrives.
 - A runner between bases is tagged by a fielder with the glove or hand which is holding the ball.
- An inning is completed when the batting team scores 6 runs across the plate or every player has had a turn at bat or the fielding team achieves 3 outs – whichever comes first.

Fielding

- All fielders rotate fielding positions each innings in the following manner:
 - pitcher becomes 1st base
 - 1st base becomes 2nd base
 - 2nd base becomes 3rd base
 - 3rd base becomes shortstop
 - Shortstop becomes pitcher
- If outfielders are present they are to be a minimum of 5m behind the infielders.

Base Running

- So that fielders are encouraged to throw, runners may advance no further than the base they were heading to when the first throw is made
- Once a runner turns back toward a previous base they are entitled to that base only.

Umpiring

- Where an umpire is used (often the coach of the batting team) he or she is to be positioned behind the home plate.
- Where no umpire is used, any disputes on outs are settled by the players using 'Rock Paper Scissors'.
- It is preferable that no coaches are on the field with the players – let the children play.
- Before 'Play Ball' is called, allowing the ball to be hit:
 - The pitcher must be on the pitching plate and be wearing a batting helmet; and
 - The catcher (if applicable) must be behind home plate, in the catcher's box; and
 - No fielders may be inside the base paths; and
 - The runner must be in contact with the base.

Inclusion

- It is recommended that teams adjust their play to encourage the inclusion of participants with a disability.

Coaching

- Coaches are not permitted to dispute ANY Umpire's call.
- Coaches must wear at least the Club uniform shirt and cap and be neatly attired at all time. Closed in footwear must be worn at all times.

Scoring

- A participation form needs to be forwarded to Brisbane Metro Registrar by the home team by Tuesday afternoon after game is played

Game Time is 1hr. If an innings is completed after 55min then time and game is called. Play may be extended by 10 min to complete an innings.

NO LEAGUE OR PERSONAL STATISTICAL DATA IS TO BE KEPT AT THE TEE BALL LEVEL.