

# BRISBANE METRO BASEBALL

## T-Ball Rules

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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).
- If there are five (5) players the coach acts as the 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 the fielding team achieves 3 outs.

### Fielding

- All fielders rotate fielding positions each innings in the following manner:
  - pitcher becomes catcher
  - catcher 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 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**

- Brisbane Metro Region strongly encourage all Clubs to provide a scorer for all games.
- Either the book or Game Changer app can be used. The intent is to develop the skills of scoring.
- A score card 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.**